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# The knock-on effect

## COUNCILLORS CONCERNED THAT SEAFRONT ENHANCEMENT COULD BE SCUPPERED IF APARTMENT PLANS ARE REFUSED

SEATON town councillors say their multi-million pound seafront enhancement scheme could be in jeopardy if a planning application is refused today (February 7th).

East Devon District Council (EDDC) planning officers have again recommended refusal for plans to build a seafront apartment complex because it is in a high risk flood zone.

**Anders Larsson**
*Chief reporter | anders@viewnews.co.uk*

The application has nothing to do with the town council, but members say that refusal could set a precedent and "prevent any future development on the seafront".

Seaton Beach Development Ltd wants to demolish a two-storey building (formerly known as Trebere) and a unit at the rear on East Walk and replace it with a four-floor apartment complex, plus a penthouse on top.

The application is an amendment to one narrowly defeated (8-7) by EDDC last year.

Planners say the proposed development no longer has an overbearing impact on neighbouring properties, but the application fails what is known as the 'sequential and exceptions test' relating to flooding.

This is in place to steer new development towards areas with the lowest probability of flooding, and development should not be permitted if there are available and appropriate sites elsewhere in areas of lower flood risk.

In its formal response to EDDC, Seaton Town Council said: "They [members] were concerned that any insistence by EDDC on a sequential and exception test being undertaken on any proposed development in this location would have a detrimental effect on the whole seafront enhancement plan by, in effect, preventing any future development on the seafront."

When the town council planning committee discussed the application, chairman Martin Shaw said: "If no redevelopment is allowed on the seafront, it could blight further development of Seaton.

"We do want to see development on the seafront in general; we are promoting our own seafront development plan."

Speaking to *Pulman's View from Seaton & Colyton* in December, Seaton Beach Development Ltd operations director Mike Dowling said: "The whole of the seafront area within the town centre is within the flood zone and there are no reasonably available sites in the search area with a lower possibility of flooding that would be appropriate."

Speaking to the paper on February 1st, he said: "We are reasonably optimistic given the support from the town council, public support on EDDC's online planning portal and the fact that it was such a narrow result last time."

At the time of writing, 17 members of the public had expressed support on the planning portal, with 14 raising objections.

EDDC's Development Management Committee will discuss the application today (February 7th) during a meeting at council headquarters, Knowle, Sidmouth.

● SEATON Town Council is about to submit a planning application for a multi-million pound revamp of the seafront, including a major redesign of Fisherman's Gap plus a cafe or restaurant, commercial outlets, public toilets and more.

A CHRISTMAS raffle organised by Seaton resident Colin Pearce and his friends raised more than £370 for Guide Dogs UK

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HEALTH NEWS

# Council charges ambulances for surgery parking space

The chairman of the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital is "saddened and disappointed" that South Somerset District Council charges £1,000 a year for the use of two parking spaces to provide an ambulance dispatch point in the town.

Ron Bond said the money could have been better spent for the benefit of the whole community.

SSDC, on the other hand, says it is duty-bound to achieve best value for its assets.

The League is behind the creation of a new ambulance dispatch point outside West One Surgery in the council-owned West Street Car Park.

The dispatch point provides a place for paramedics to park up and recharge lifesaving equipment.

Talks first started two years ago to provide the ambulance dispatch point as a result of a meeting between Mr Bond and Yeovil-based paramedic Kathy Thomas at a social function.

Given that it would be a potentially life-saving facility for the town as it would cut response times dramatically, it was agreed by the League to help.

Mr Bond said: "But it would have taken up two parking spaces that someone might otherwise pay to use.

"And that has been the stumbling block and the reason why it has taken two years for the project to actually get under way.

"A parking space adjacent to the surgery is vital if the medical emergency equipment in the ambulance is to be kept fully charged and ready to use.

Ron said: "The League agreed to cover this fee for the first five years to ensure that the project could proceed more quickly.

"I have to say that this [the fee charged by the council] goes against what I believe to be fair to the community and the people of Crewkerne and district."

He feels the money could have been put to better use and said: "The money that is raised by the League is donated to provide improvements to our hospital and for care in the community, not to provide the district council with a guaranteed income from parking spaces in a car park that frequently has empty places.

"To put this into perspective, the League could have used this money to provide an additional two defibrillators for the benefit of the whole community."

"It is very disappointing that the district council took such a negative stance and only reluctantly agreed to the project proceeding on the understanding that they are paid an annual fee of £1,000 for the use of the parking space."

A spokesperson for SSDC confirmed the fee and said: "Yes, it is correct that SSDC is charging for the spaces lost due to the parking of the ambulance in West Street Car Park.

"The council's financial procedure rules and constitution state that it must achieve best value for its assets.

"The charge is in line with that charged to the doctors for their dedicated space and was discussed and agreed on advice from the District Valuer's office. Any income the council is able to make goes towards other projects and keeping council tax payments down."

# Police seize stolen sheep

POLICE in Someret seized 52 sheep last week as part of an ongoing campaign to clamp down on livestock theft.

Officers from the Rural Crime Team working on the investigation believe thieves could have transported the poorly animals more than 300 miles to the field.

Devon and Somerset Trading Standards and two local vets joined the team near Yeovil in checking the sheep's identity tags, health and welfare before they were transported to a safe location.

The animals included a number of breeds including Mules, Jacobs, Swaledales and a Texel Ram – with vets forced to put two of the animals down at the scene.

Inspector Joanna Mines, who leads the Avon and Somerset Police's Rural Crime Team, said: "We believe the sheep we have recovered today are stolen and their tags show that animals within this flock originated from Devon, Somerset and places as far a-field as Cumbria.

"Sadly they haven't been kept in good condition recently and two had to be put down at the scene, so we will be looking at several offences in relation to animal cruelty in addition to theft.

"We are keen to hear from anyone who believes the animals might be theirs, or anyone who has any information that can help with our enquiries."

More than 600 sheep were stolen from Avon and Somerset during the summer of 2016 with 34 calves stolen from a farm near Wells two weeks ago.

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## SUNSET OVER THE RIVER AXE

AWARD winning local photographer Richard Austin captures the sun setting over the River Axe in Axmouth

# Backing for lorries' sat nav rule

DEVON County Council has welcomed calls for local authorities to be given powers to tackle lorry drivers that flout height and weight restrictions.

The Local Government Association (LGA) wants all lorry drivers who use satellite navigation (sat nav) to use models that can be fed the lorry's dimensions so that suitable roads only are displayed.

The LGA is asking the Government to give councils the right to enforce weight and width restrictions.

Devon has seen more than a dozen incidents in the past two years involving HGVs ending up on unsuitable roads while using their sat navs.

This includes a lorry which shed its load of pig flesh at Lower Marlpits Hill in Honiton, in November last year.

Councillor Stuart Hughes, Devon County Council Cabinet Member for Highway Management, said: "I'm pleased that the LGA has raised this issue.

"We recognise that it goes beyond being a nuisance for communities and significant damage can be caused, not just to buildings and historic structures, but also degradation over time of the highway itself.

"This includes increased numbers of potholes, verges being destroyed and damaged footways.

"At this point we're extremely limited in meaningful action that can be taken against companies given the evidence required to pursue a case and signage often seems to be ignored.

"We would also welcome companies helping themselves by making it clear to their hauliers the nature of the local highway network and appropriate routes to follow when accessing their sites."

The Government has handed powers under the Traffic Management Act (2004) to local authorities in Wales, and London (under different legislation), to take action if lorry drivers break the law.

The LGA says councils across the country should be handed the same powers.

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## Police retirement ruling was lawful

DEVON and Cornwall Police's use of Regulation A19, which required officers with more than 30 years' pensionable service to retire, was lawful.

The Court of Appeal ruled on Wednesday, February 1st that the force acted within the law.

But Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer said it is not a case of the force having 'won' a case because many experienced officers were lost when the regulation was implemented.

The Superintendents' Association of England and Wales and a number of officers and former officers of federated rank took action against the Devon and Cornwall, Nottinghamshire, West Midlands, North Wales and South Wales forces challenging its legality.

A total of 160 officers left Devon and Cornwall Police between 2011 and 2013 when the force introduced A19 as part of challenging austerity measures affecting public services.

Some of those officers were part of the claim.

Devon and Cornwall Police Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer said: "The use of A19 was a very difficult decision which resulted in us losing some very experienced, committed and able police officers at all ranks.

"This ruling does not represent a case has been won because, in reality, the force lost hugely dedicated and loyal members of our police family who served the people of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

"It was always likely this would have significant impact on people who had dedicated themselves to serving this force and the people of Devon and Cornwall for many years, but the force felt there was no viable alternative to meet the enormous financial challenges we faced then, and continue to face in 2017.

"As an organisation we are continuing to make difficult decisions about reshaping the force and the way in which we deliver our service."

# MP wants to boost helicopter exports

MARCUS Fysh, the Conservative MP for Yeovil, has met with fellow Somerset MP and Secretary of State for International Trade, Dr Liam Fox, to discuss ways to enhance export prospects for the UK helicopter industry.

Mr Fysh wants the Secretary of State to redouble efforts to help British exports of helicopters, especially those made by Leonardo in Yeovil, to support the long-term future of helicopter manufacturing in the UK.

Mr Fysh discussed the export prospects for Leonardo's advanced AgustaWestland Merlin and Wildcat military helicopters, as well as its AW139 civil helicopters, and the way the Department for International Trade's new network of trade offices can help the leading aerospace company in its sales efforts.

He also discussed major strategic partnering opportunities in new markets which Leonardo has indicated the government could support as part of its high-level, trade-opening agenda, as well as enhanced co-operation between trade and defence functions of government in looking to develop opportunities.

Mr Fysh said: "UK helicopters are among the best in the world and are capable of great export value.

"Now that the UK military's orders of new helicopter equipment from Leonardo are coming to an end, for the time being it is important to make the most of these great products in export markets.

"Strategic overseas partnerships in design and development also make sense given the high level of expertise that exists in the UK helicopter industry and our wish to preserve it."

## Taxi driver charged with rape in Yeovil

A ROMANIAN taxi driver has been charged with raping a drunken female passenger in the back of his cab.

Florin Daniel Grenlus, 46, was arrested after the alleged incident on Saturday, January 28th.

Prosecutor Christine Hart told magistrates the 19-year-old alleged victim had been drinking heavily and was helped into a taxi by bar staff before she was sick in the car.

Grenlus allegedly then took her to an ATM and helped her withdraw money to pay for the damage.

He is then accused of driving the woman around Yeovil and raping her in the vehicle.

Yeovil magistrates said the case had to be dealt with at crown court and it was adjourned until February 27th.

Grenlus, of Yeovil, who was assisted by an interpreter did not enter a plea and was remanded in custody pending a pre-trial hearing at Taunton Crown Court.

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## Granny Coo Hoo

Happy 105th Birthday on 12th February
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## MIKE EVANS

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## Happy Birthday to our Grandad Mike Evans

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## Kayla Long

will be 13 on 7th February, Happy Birthday! Lots of love Alfie, Cohen, Eva, Amelia, Elsie & James

## Tony Peters

Have a very Happy 80th Birthday on the 12th February. May you have a great day, enjoy. Best wishes & lots of love John, Allen, Sue, Daisy, Liz & Andrew, Jess, Alison. Tom & family xx

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# Up, up and away

LOCAL TV cameras were on hand to witness Seaton Primary School's 'rocket launch', as a weather balloon was sent to the upper reaches of the Earth's atmosphere.

Staff member Jess Broom was in charge of the project and said: "In Year 1 we have been learning about space and the solar system.

"We invited Chris Hilcox from Near Space Photography to complete the launch for us.

"We fitted cameras to the rocket so we would be able to see Alvin (a teddy bear) throughout the flight and get some amazing footage of what it is like 24,000 metres above the earth.

"We also fitted trackers to the rocket so we were able to constantly track the location of Alvin.

"All the children were truly inspired and were asking questions about space and jittering with uncontainable excitement."

The fact that television cameras from BBC Spotlight were present added to the excitement.

Ms Broom added: "Once the large weather balloon had been filled with helium, and attached to the rocket with a parachute, we all gathered around for the countdown.

All of the children were buzzing, there was much shouting to be heard and many gobsmacked faces.

"The rocket was lifted by the balloon at about five metres per second and was soon up in the clouds, heading towards Colyton.

"We waved goodbye to Alvin and then began the waiting game, wondering where he would end up."

Mr Hilcox tracked Alvin on his journey, and a couple hours later, he returned to earth in Tisbury.

Ms Broom explained: "Chris retrieved the teddy, the rocket and all the equipment and has safely returned it. We have also received wonderful footage of the journey.

**SPACE TRAVEL:** Alvin the teddy bear is placed in his compartment

"The children absolutely loved watching the videos, and raised some very interesting questions. They have definitely been inspired by this exciting event."

She also said that the launch would not have been possible with out the support from the parents and friends of the school.

Ms Broom said: "The PTA have kindly supported the project and the parents, especially those of Year 1 children, have really helped to engage their children in the topic of space.

"We cannot thank them enough for their support to hold a very memorable and exciting event."

## Seaton man denies sexually assaulting girl

A SEATON man accused of sexually assaulting a girl under the age of 13 has pleaded not guilty.

Yuen Lung Terence Lai, aged 53, of Primrose Way, appeared at a plea and trial preparation hearing at Exeter Crown Court on Friday, February 3rd.

Mr Lai, who was given conditional bail at a previous hearing, will stand trial on May 2nd.

## Planners' thumbs up for Rowan Drive application

PLANNERS are recommending approval for a proposal by Baker Estates Ltd to build 36 dwellings on land north of Rowan Drive in Seaton.

Concerns have been raised by the town council and local residents regarding the number of houses as the site is allocated in the Local Plan for 30 houses.

An East Devon District Council Development Management Committee agenda report said: "It is a matter for this application to determine whether the layout of the site and the design of the 36 dwellings can reasonably be accommodated on the part of the allocation this application concerns.

"It is considered that the layout, design and landscaping are acceptable and ensure a suitable development that will not be harmful."

The application will be heard by the committee today (Tuesday, February 7th).

## Storm damages seafront

SEATON seafront was battered by the elements when rain and strong winds hit last week.

The damage included a length of collapsed wall at Fisherman's Gap.

As a result of the damage, organisers of Seaton Parkrun had to cancel their weekly race on the Saturday morning.

A spokesperson for East Devon District Council summed up by saying: "We inspected EDDC-owned infrastructure on Seaton seafront on Friday (February 3rd) morning, following reports of wave overtopping and damage.

"However, fortunately there was no damage to West Walk.

"Our StreetScene teams have been out on site clearing up the shingle and storm debris. The planter wall has been damaged however.

"Seaton Town Council look after this, they repaired it after it was knocked over in the 2014 storm. As it is not one of our assets, we will not be repairing it.

"The Environment Agency is currently undertaking a study, which includes looking at the risk from wave overtopping in Seaton.

"The results of that study will help inform the Seaton Beach Management Plan, which is currently being tendered.

"The council has asked the South West Coastal Monitoring Programme to survey the beach following the storms, to ensure that information of how the beach and coastline responded to the storm event is captured."

# East Devon triumphs at tourism awards

'BUSINESS icons' from East Devon did the district proud as they walked away from the South West Tourism awards last week, laden with trophies.

Held in the brand new Lansdown Suite of Ashton Gate Stadium in Bristol, East Devon businesses triumphed against competition from across the region.

This year's awards event was hosted by ITV news presenter Kylie Pentelow, with an opening address by travel journalist and Chair of Family Holiday Association Alison Rice.

Alison was also this year's Chair of Judges and commented: "Yet again the South West leads the way in tourism excellence. Whatever 2017 throws at this very special region of Britain, tonight's award winners will excel at what they do best – offering all comers the best possible visitor experiences."

Winners from East Devon included; Deer Park Hotel in Honiton who picked up Gold in Dog Friendly Business of the Year; The Old Kennels also near Honiton won Gold in the Artistic, Cultural and Learning experience award, while Seaton Tramway won silver in the same category. The Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton won Silver in the Access and Inclusivity award. Mazzard Farm self catering cottages in Ottery St Mary were awarded bronze in the International Visitor Experience of the Year while the Milkshed in Luppitt also went home with bronze, this time in the Self Catering Property of the Year category.

Robin Barker of Services for Tourism added: "Excellence is elusive. It takes creativity, commitment, investment, and persistence to achieve. Standards have to be maintained for every guest, in all situations, at all hours of every day. Achieving excellence is one thing, maintaining it in a world of ever-rising expectations is an even greater challenge. So well done to all of this year's winners – you are at the cutting edge of this region's top industry and are genuine business icons."

**PHOTOS clockwise from top right:** ■ Deer Park County House Hotel won Gold in Dog Friendly Business of the Year ■ Seaton Tramway won silver in Artistic, Cultural and Learning Experience ■ The Old Kennels won Gold in Artistic, Cultural and Learning Experience ■ The Milkshed in Luppitt won bronze in Self Catering Property of the Year ■ Mazzard Farm won Bronze in International Visitor Experience of the Year ■ The Thelma Hulbert Gallery won Silver in the Access and Inclusivity award

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# Pedallers stage first ever ladies only ride

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AXE Valley Pedallers (AVP) has appointed its first women's cycling officer to encourage more ladies to take up cycling.

The job has gone to Dawn Watkins, and two specific ladies' rides a month have been introduced. The first one took place on a very cold and icy Sunday, January 21st, and saw 10 cyclists tackling a 10-mile circuit of the Axe Valley.

All met at Seaton Tramway before heading out to Boshill then Musbury, Whitford and Colyton – where tea and cake were served at Merchant's Tea Rooms – before returning to Seaton via the new Wetlands cycle path.

On the third Saturday every month there will be a slower ride covering approximately 10 miles, and on the fourth Saturday there will be a quicker ride covering about 30 miles.

Club chairman Jonathan Read-Bone said: "Both will definitely have coffee stops."

The slow rides will start at 10am from Seaton Tramway; the faster ones will also start at 10am, but from the Square in Axminster.

The club chairman added: "So, ladies, if you have a new year's resolution which involves improving your fitness or have a bicycle in the garage gathering dust, or if you would just like to try something different this year and go cycling, AVP would love to hear from you."

To find out more information about the group, visit www.axevalleypedallers.co.uk or the AVP supporters' Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/axevalleypedallers

■ THE first ladies' ride had a good turnout *Photo courtesy of DAWN WATKINS*

## Positive start for new antiques fair

CHOOSING Axminster Guildhall proved to be a good decision for Meadow Fairs.

Having previously staged antiques, collectables and decorative fairs outside of Devon, the company decided to try Axminster.

The first fair was held on Saturday, January 28th and organiser Nigel Hole said he was very pleased. He had 24 stall holders and up to 300 visitors.

Mr Hole said: "We know the hall in Axminster, so thought we'd give it a go.

"We are very pleased. The number of visitors was more than expected, it being the first one and the roadworks."

At the time of the fair, West Street was one-way and Mr Hole said: "Some got confused by the roadworks, but they got there in the end.

"We are already getting bookings, not only for March but for May and October too.

"We are looking forward to the next one when we hope to redesign it, and possibly use the stage as well, to get more stalls in."

The fair will return on March 4th, May 20th and October 7th.

■ NIGEL Hole and trader Paul Hallett in Axminster Guildhall

## Plans for new showground access point

AXE Vale Festival hopes to improve traffic flow and road safety by adding a third access point to the showground.

A planning application has been submitted to East Devon District Council, saying: "Currently there are two points of access.

"A third access [point] is required at the eastern end of the site to provide an alternative and more direct approach from the Axminster direction, thereby segregating traffic approaching from the two directions to ease marshalling and achieve a more manageable flow on show days.

"The proposed works have the potential to improve traffic safety and traffic flows along the stretch of the highway."

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# New Christmas lights group set to raise profile

**Anders Larsson**
*Chief reporter | anders@viewnews.co.uk*

THE new group set up to bring Christmas lights to Axminster is about to boost its profile.

Light Up Axminster (LUA) was only formed late last year when concern grew that the town would not have its own Christmas lights display.

Considerable effort was put in to provide an interim display for 2016, the long-term ambition being to involve the community and build for the future.

LUA chairman Cindy Furse said the committee has started the process to become a registered charity, and added: "The group is committed to providing opportunities for the community to come together for celebratory events, not just at Christmas but the whole year round.

"We will be holding a launch event for the new group; a chance for the local community, businesses and community groups to come along and meet us, find out more about who we are, have a chat about our plans and find out how you can get involved.

"A new Facebook page, website and logo will also be unveiled.

"The group will be launched on Thursday, March 9th in the Guildhall, and we would love to see lots of the local community, businesses and community gro- ups there too. Watch this space for more details soon."

Cindy is very grateful for the response since LUA was formed, saying: "The committee would like to say a huge thank you to those that donated so generously at our Tesco collection shortly before Christmas, where we raised just under £450. Many thanks to Tesco for hosting us.

"A big thank you also goes to Ben and Zoe Watts at The Castle Inn for their donation of £50 from their 'Name the Reindeer' competition.

"It has been a wonderful start to our fundraising. More fundraising events are planned very soon, including a quiz night, bingo and Easter Egg hunt."

The Chamber of Commerce and some local businesses are already involved with what is described as 'light up celebratory events,' and Ms Furse added: "If you are a business or local community group and would like to be involved in the plans for 2017, please email cindyfurse @me.com.

"Thank you once again for all the support we have received from the local community and businesses so far. Please be patient with us as we get ourselves up and running.

"We are all looking forward to creating some wonderful events to put the sparkle back into Axminster. Please come along and get involved, the more the merrier."

# TIC to merge with heritage group?

AXMINSTER Tourist Information Centre (TIC) could cease to exist at the end of next month.

A special general meeting of Axminster TIC and the Friends of Axminster TIC has been called to discuss a management committee recommendation to transfer assets to the trustees of Axminster Heritage.

If the proposal is carried, Axminster Heritage would set up an information centre for residents and visitors in Axminster Heritage Centre, to open on April 1st.

Upon completion of the transfer of assets, Axminster TIC would be dissolved.

Axminster TIC treasurer Shane Morgan said the management committee is unable to give the reasons for the recommendation before the meeting on Wednesday, February 22nd.

The meeting is not open to the public.

The recommendation is a U-turn as the original plan was for the TIC to move in and become an anchor tenant in the heritage centre.

But the then new TIC management committee voted unanimously in July 2014 to remain in The Old Courthouse.

This was because Axminster Heritage was, at the time, unable to give a definite moving date.

● **MEMBERS of Axminster Chamber of Commerce have three local visits to look forward to this year.**

**First up is a trip to River Cottage HQ on March 20th, followed by Axminster Tools and Machinery on June 19th. A visit to Axminster Printing has also been scheduled for September 18th**

**Further information is available online at www.axminster.org under the Chamber section.**

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# Can you give a name to the Wetlands tramper?

**Anders Larsson**
*Chief reporter | anders@viewnews.co.uk*

A POPULAR vehicle that helps the less mobile enjoy Seaton Wetlands is looking for a name.

East Devon District Council's (EDDC) Countryside team has asked the public for help in naming the off-road mobility vehicle, known as a tramper and available to hire for those with limited mobility.

Councillor Iain Chubb, EDDC's portfolio holder for the environment, said: ''Seaton Wetlands is a beautiful local nature reserve with fantastic accessibility for those with limited mobility.

"The tramper allows people to experience rare wildlife and birds and to enjoy views of the surrounding countryside without restriction."

Devon County Councillor Jim Knight has supported the tramper for the past two years by generously contributing from his locality budget to cover the ongoing cost of the scheme.

Cllr Knight said: "I have contributed towards the tramper for the past two years as I believe it's a good way for residents and visitors to explore the Seaton Wetlands.

"We're looking forward to seeing the names people come up with and hope that something fun and memorable is chosen for this important piece of equipment.''

All entries must be submitted to the team by Wednesday, March 1st.

The team will put a selection of names up for public vote on social media and the winning name will be announced on Friday, March 10th to mark the start of the national Disabled Access Day weekend.

The chosen name will appear on future posters and marketing for the hire of the tramper. Submit one entry per person via email to countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk, including your name, age and location.

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**NAMING GAME:** The mobility vehicle is well-used

## Christmas raffle raises more than £350 for Guide Dogs

A CHRISTMAS raffle organised by Seaton resident Colin Pearce and his friends raised £372 for The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Mr Pearce praised two pubs – The Hook and Parrot and The Royal Clarence – for donating prizes for the draw.

He also thanked Pauline Pearce, Albert and June Snell, Tracy Pinkney, Anne Deans, Sue McQuire, John Barrington Rowell, Tim Chew and Roger Carvill for help and assistance.

A cheque was presented on Sunday, January 29th.

Guide Dogs volunteer John Evans received the cheque, saying it was a fantastic amount and fundraising effort.

## Man in custody after attempted robbery

A MAN accused of attempting to rob a taxi driver in Seaton has been remanded in custody and will appear at Exeter Crown Court on March 2nd.

Peter Hall, age 40, who resides on the Hawkwell Travellers' Site, Hawkchurch, near Axminster, was charged with attempted robbery and being in possession of a 'bladed article' following the incident.

Police were called to Harbour Road at about 9pm on Saturday, January 28th and subsequently arrested Hall.

A taxi driver was taken to hospital for treatment on a stab wound to his arm.

Hall appeared before magistrates in Exeter on Monday, January 30th and was remanded in custody.

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# Big success for Beer Panto's annual variety show

**Kevin Fahey**
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THE 2017 Beer Variety Show was once again a huge success.

For a third successive year the Mariners' Hall was a sell-out, with a waiting list for tickets as 130 punters were entertained by the Beer Panto enthusiasts.

Variety was again the watchword, from the rapturously acclaimed tales told – without notes or prompts – by comedian Norman West, to the ballet routine by sisters Emma and Isabelle Burley to accompany singer Moira Izzard, and the lively sing-along tunes from Seaton's Smugglers Ukulele band.

A notable contingent of local children from Beer sang and danced, Ian Flindell presented a shorted version of Sleeping Beauty, and Nigel Freathy, the former vicar at St Michael's Church, ensured a slick transition between all the acts as master of ceremonies.

"We all felt the show was yet another great success," said Beer Panto spokesman Andrew Perkins.

"We are concerned, however, that as each year passes we struggle more and more for support [to take part]. If we can get more interest, then, yes, we hope to put on more shows in the future.

"We will be having an AGM and review of the situation sometime in the spring so will just have to see what transpires!"

AXE Valley Runners members spent a Saturday morning stuffing 2,500 envelopes with start numbers for The Grizzly races in March. Members gathered on Saturday, January 21st and completed the task in less than an hour. The Grizzly races will take place on Sunday, March 12th, and this year marks the 30th anniversary of the event.

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# 'Be Curious' campaign launches in Devon

## THE SAFER DEVON PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, MODERN SLAVERY AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

A NEW campaign has been launched in Devon to help raise awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE), modern slavery and violent extremism.

The Be Curious campaign, developed by the Safer Devon Partnership, aims to raise awareness of the issues and uses short animations to highlight potential signs of modern slavery, CSE and violent extremism.

The Safer Devon Partnership is a county-wide strategic partnership which brings together a range of stakeholders who play key roles in enabling people to feel and be safe in their homes and communities.

Roger Croad, who chairs the Safer Devon Partnership, said: "So often, people think that issues such as child sexual exploitation, violent extremism and modern slavery don't affect people living in Devon. The general consensus is that these things only happen in big cities.

"This isn't the case. In the past year alone we have seen a number of these cases across Devon, and are hoping this campaign will raise awareness about the signs to look out for so that we can work together to help prevent further cases in the future.

"We want to encourage people to come forward or speak to someone they trust if they suspect something."

The Be Curious campaign is also raising awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE) – an issue which had 56 reported cases in Devon between January 2014 and October 2014 with 76 identified crimes relating to CSE with an online element that year; and violent extremism – which has recently made numerous national headlines with a rise in reported cases.

Cllr Croad, added: "Radicalisation and violent extremism can and does happen anywhere and the rise of online communication means that people are better connected than ever before. For example, a person sitting alone in their bedroom could become subject to radicalisation."

> **Keeping everyone safe in the community is everyone's responsibility**

Julian Pezzani, Devon Partnership Inspector for Devon and Cornwall Police, said:

"These are three very separate, but important issues that all involve the exploitation of vulnerable people within our communities.

"Keeping everyone safe in the community is everyone's responsibility. We would encourage the public to be aware of the signs to look out for and to report any unusual or suspicious behaviour in the knowledge that their concerns will be taken seriously."

"We are hoping that the Be Curious campaign will help members of the public start to recognise the potential signs for any of these issues, and feel confident that if they think something is wrong, it's okay to seek advice."

Possible signs might include:

Modern slavery:

- people who appear to be being forced to work against their will
- people who are unhappy or unresponsive in the work place
- people who rarely interact with others or appear unfamiliar within their neighbourhood or where they work
- people travelling at unusual times to and from work.

Child sexual exploitation:

- children going missing for long periods of time or regularly returning home late
- skipping school or being disruptive in class
- appearing with unexplained gifts or possessions that can't be accounted for
- displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour.

Violent extremism (often typical in younger people but not exclusive to):

- feeling disconnected from their cultural or religious heritage
- feeling isolated
- disassociating from a group of friends and becoming part of a completely new group
- articulating support for violent extremist causes or leaders
- accessing websites containing violent or extreme sentiment.

As well as encouraging people to talk to someone they trust, the campaign also offers the appropriate helplines for each of the three issues for people who would like to get more specific advice or information.

To find out more about Be Curious and watch the campaign animations, follow @SaferDevon on Twitter or like Safer Devon on Facebook.

The Safer Devon Partnership consists of the following authorities:

- Devon County Council
- Devon and Cornwall Police
- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Probation Service
- Community Rehabilitation Company
- District Community Safety Partnerships.

# Tickets on sale for Kilmington panto

KILMINGTON is staging its annual pantomime in the village hall from February 15th-18th.

This year Kilmington Players are presenting the classic tale of Dick Whittington – with a twist.

Kilmington Players member Jean Falconer said: "Come and join us for an evening of family entertainment."

The show starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £7 for adults, £3 for children and are on sale at Hurford's Stores, Kilmington.

Tea, coffee and ice cream will be available in the interval.

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# Man treated for eye injury after late night attack

A MAN was treated by paramedics for facial injuries after an alleged assault in Axminster.

Police have issued an appeal for witnesses to the incident, which happened at about 1.30am on Sunday, February 5th outside NatWest Bank in the town centre.

A spokesperson for the ambulance service said a 50-year-old man was treated for injuries to his face, including an eye injury.

He was treated in his home and did not go to hospital.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

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The meeting will be held at Lyme Regis Football Club on Charmouth Road, with registration and networking from 6pm, and the property seminar from 7pm to 9pm, we ask for a small contribution of £10 to cover costs, including tea, coffee and biscuits.

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# Library will move to new home this month

**Peter Hodges**
*Reporter | peter@viewnews.co.uk*

OTTERY St Mary Library will move into its new premises of the former NatWest bank during the week beginning February 20th, Libraries Unlimited has revealed.

The relocation of the library will be carried out over the course of the week, officially opening its doors for the first time on Saturday, February 25th.

The building, ***pictured below,*** has been significantly refurbished through a partnership with Ottery St Mary Town Council, Devon County Council and Libraries Unlimited.

The Friends of Ottery Library have also helped to raise funds to contribute towards the new library furniture.

The new library will offer improved accessibility, with step-free access for those with reduced mobility and parents or carers bringing children in pushchairs, as well as providing a bigger and more modern space for new facilities.

The building also boasts flexible space that can be used for special library events or can be hired by the public, businesses and community groups.

Inside, the new library will benefit from new books, a variety of comfortable reading areas and a bigger and better children's library with a greater selection of books and resources.

There will also be a dedicated area for teens with study space, lounge seating and specially selected books for their age range.

Local residents were invited to a public consultation event held by the Friends of Ottery St Mary Library in 2016, and plans for the layout of the new library were on display for a further two-week public consultation period during autumn last year.

Residents were invited to give feedback on the proposed design and layout and the team at Libraries Unlimited have subsequently been collating and analysing all feedback to ensure the library meets the requirements of all members of the local community.

Ciara Eastell, chief executive of Libraries Unlimited said: "We are really pleased to have a set date for the relocation of Ottery St Mary Library.

"This is the first new library opened by Libraries Unlimited and is just one of several library relocations and improvements we have planned over the coming year. We are thrilled that the people of Ottery St Mary will soon benefit from the new facilities."

She added: "As a charity, our aim is to deliver a modern and accessible library that is designed to meet the needs of its users.

"We have taken into consideration the feedback from the public consultation, and are confident that residents will be pleased with the end result and look forward to welcoming them to the new building."

The last day of opening at the current library will be Saturday, February 18th and it will then close for one week to allow for the move. Any loans will be extended so they will not be due back during the short closure period.

Local residents can find out more about the final plans by visiting the current library during normal opening hours, where they can view a detailed display.

Ottery St Mary Town Council will also have a base in the library to provide local information and new public toilets.

Devon County Council's cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, Cllr Roger Croad, said: "I should like to congratulate Ottery St Mary Town Council, Libraries Unlimited and Ottery Library Friends Group for their vision and enterprise in enhancing library provision for the residents of Ottery.

"Libraries Unlimited are a go-ahead independent charity which we helped set up in 2016 to provide the county's library service.

"This new library in Ottery shows the potential of Libraries Unlimited to deliver new and innovative services across the county."

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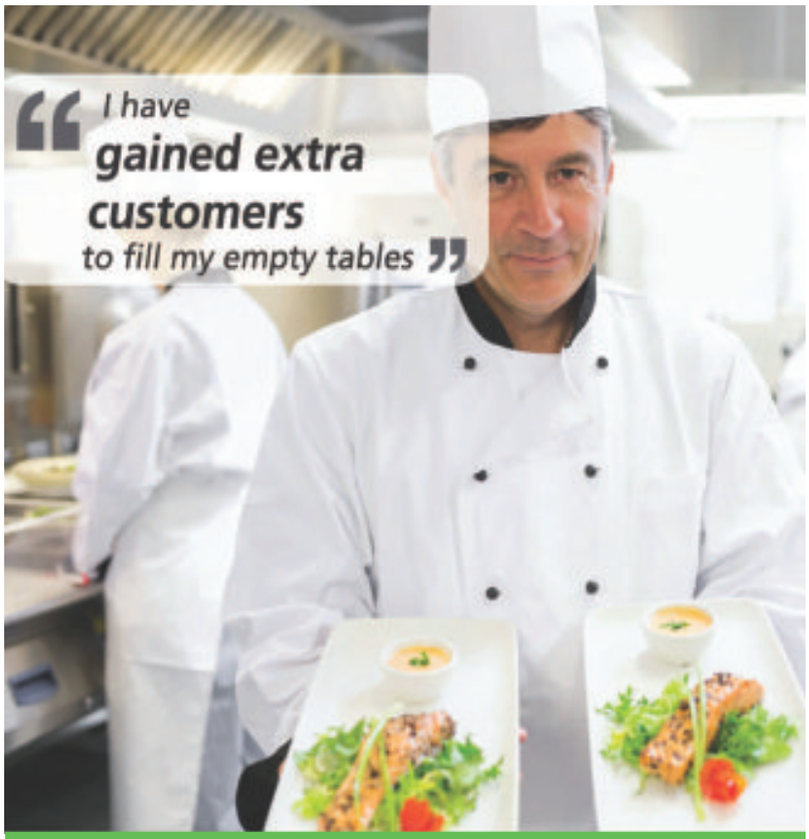

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# First demo of the year for art society

AXMINSTER Art Society started their New Year with a demonstration by their President, Lynda White.

This was the day when members paid their £22 subscription and received the programme for 2017 so it was a lively start to the new year.

Lynda used prints of her work to show how she uses plant forms, either as the main focus of the image or as a means of enhancing a scene.

After a break when members could talk to Lynda about her work, she continued in pastels.

The next demonstration will be on February 15th at 2.30pm in The United Reformed Church Hall on Chard Street, Axminster, when Roger Clemens will talk about figure painting techniques in oils.

■ AXMINSTER Art Society president Lynda White during her demonstration

For more information about this and Lynda's workshop please go to our website at axminsterartsociety.com

# Carpets at Axe NT

THE Axe Valley Centre, National Trust were given an informative and enjoyable talk by Laurence Hitchcock about Axminster Carpets.

He spoke of the history of the family as well as the company, in that Thomas Whitty's name can be found as far back as 1555. Many great houses have Axminster Carpets including Powderham Castle. The company also had Royalty visit, George III (whilst in Weymouth) and also Princess Anne in 1996. Details were given of the manufacturing processes of the carpets as well.

The large audience was very appreciative and also had many questions to ask.

# Next Colyford talk

'BEHIND the scenes at Kew' is the title of Colyton & District Garden Society's next talk, on Wednesday, February 15th at Colyford Memorial Hall.

The speaker is Dr Mike Lock, known to many for his local involvement with the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society.

For over 12 years, Mike edited Kew's scientific journal, the Kew Bulletin, and still continues his work on tropical African plant families.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm. If you have not yet joined for this year, please do – it is the society's 25th anniversary year with a full programme of events through the year.

Membership is £10 for the year, guests are welcome at £2 each.

# theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

■ **COLYTON** WI's President, Shelagh Derwent, welcomed members and guests from Seaton group of WIs to their New Year Party.

The afternoon included dressing up, a quiz based on New Year Traditions (won by Marni from Musbury and Whitford, then a tea served by Margaret Barker and Margaret Martin.

The DFWI Centenary is to be celebrated in 2020.

It is Colyton WI's 90th birthday and Jacky Roberts Wake is organising an exhibition in St Andrew's Church, May 17th-21st, on 'Inspiring Women' through the decades.

The next meeting in St John's Hall, Colyton, is on Tuesday, February 21st at 2.15pm.

■ **HONITON EVENING**'s first meeting of the New Year was a talk about 'Dementia' from Heather Penwarden, who is heavily involved with Honiton Memory Café and the Dementia Action Alliance in Honiton. Branch is now a 'Dementia Friendly WI'.

After the talk, plans were heard for the Walking Group, a cinema-going group at the Beehive, the forthcoming visit to Mama Mia in Plymouth and other Devon activities.

The branch welcomes visitors and new members, for information please see the website 'Honiton WI' or contact the Secretary, Mary Gubby, on 01404 43997 or email honiton@ devon wi.org. uk

■ **SEATON WI**'s first meeting in 2017 took place on January 17th, when Jean Allsopp, a former president, was remembered. During the business section a resolution was chosen to go forward to June's NFWI AGM.

There was a Christmas party on December 13th and a New Year lunch at The Dolphin, Beer.

Two teams will attend the County Quiz on Saturday, 18th February.

Competitions: Flower of the Month – 1st Aimee Guard, 2nd Sue Barnard. General – 1st Denise England, 2nd Sue Barnard, 3rd Aimee Guard.

The guest speaker was Mr Jim Knight who spoke about his work as a local councillor and took questions on a variety of topics.

The next meeting is on February 21st, 2.15pm at Seaton Methodist Church Small Hall. Bob Mercer will talk about "The Life of a Vet".

■ HONITON Evening is now a Dementia Friendly WI

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# Duke of Edinburgh awards success at Kilmington

THE Five Alive Duke of Edinburgh's Award group in Kilmington starts 2017 with new Bronze and Gold groups.

Last year was a highly successful one for the Kilmington group, and 2017 could be the same.

Leader Anna Crabbe said: "Last year was the Diamond Year for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and we had a busy year.

"Adam Taylor, Josh Fletcher, Alice Wittridge and James Clarke all completed their Gold awards.

"Josh was invited to the Duke of Edinburgh's s garden party to receive his Gold award at Buckingham Palace.

"Robert and myself were invited to the Diamond celebration service at Westminster Abbey in November which was wonderful.

"The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward and Princess Sophie all attended and many television personalities who help with Gold Award presentations.

"We had two good expeditions in the summer on Dartmoor and the Brecon Beacons."

About 2017, she said: "We have a new Bronze group of eleven who have started, and a new Gold group.

"Adam has trained as a supervisor and assessor and is embarking on his outdoor qualifications so he can train young participants up to Gold level.

"We are very grateful to Dr. Yvonne Hodges for helping with our first aid sessions.

"We are also very grateful for the donation from Axe Vale Festival, which helps to keep our group running.

"I would like to thank Steve Biddle, who has helped with the expedition section of the award, and I am delighted Adam has trained to be an award leader.

"We look forward to a busy year ahead."

■ ACTIVE LIFESTYLE: Gold group members on expedition

■ ROYAL APPOINTMENT: Josh Fletcher at Buckingham Palace

■ CAPITAL VISIT: Anna and Robert Crabbe at Westminster Abbey


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# The day the Christmas fatstock best in show left me trouserless!

ALTHOUGH I have lived surrounded by beautiful countryside for most of my life, I've never really considered myself to be a country boy. Living by the seaside it didn't really feel we were part of the rural landscape.

The reaction by others to a West Country accent has always irritated me. You can get away with a broad Geordie or Mancunian twang, but not a Bristolian one, especially in broadcasting. It's as though we all have a piece of straw in our mouth.

How many comedians from the West Country have made it to the big time. Jethro? I can't think of another yet there are dozens of Cockneys, Liverpudlians and Scots who make it

The Western Times & Gazette

to the top.

When I was a young man I was auditioned for a continuity announcer's job on TV and was told that I was compensating for my West Country burr and had adopted an estuary accent. Needless to say, I did not get the job.

I never thought I had much of a West Country accent but years later when I was managing a large group of newspapers in London I heard one of my staff, outside my office door, asking another employee: "What does this wurzel know about newspapers?" The next day I had to sack 120 people. I never heard him say it again.

But back to the delights of working in the country. My first job was on the *Western Times & Gazette*, a sister paper to the *Express & Echo* in Exeter which dealt mainly with farming and country matters.

I have to admit that I had never set foot on a farm until I started working as a cub reporter in a predominantly rural area. And I was very wary of livestock and even more so of farmers who were notoriously dismissive of young upstarts like me.

But I soon got to like bombing around the lanes of East Devon in my little A35 visiting farmers for various reasons and attending agricultural shows and dinners.

My favourite events were the Christmas Fatstock Shows held in Honiton and Axminster Markets, great social occasions for the farming community and the start of the festive celebrations in each town.

One occasion in Axminster really stands out in my mind. I was covering the event for the *Western Times & Gazette*, alongside Wally Fellender from *Pulman's Weekly News*.

When the champion beast was finally declared Wally ushered me into the main ring to interview the farmer who was exhibiting what seemed like a very unfriendly animal.

Wally sensed I was a bit apprehensive about this - and so did the cow I think - and Lord of The Manor Frank Rowe, who ran the market for auctioneers R & C Snell, was clearly in on the act.

The farmer was very uncooperative in answering my hesitant questions with a cursory nod or shake of the heads. And as I was trying to get him to be more communicative the cow started to urinate down my leg.

As this started to happen the farmer suddenly became very talkative and kept me in the ring until the cow had finished.

Frank Rowe was in fits and for many years after would often asked if I had been "p****d on by any cows lately".

I had to retire to the market office (now the Indian restaurant), take off my trousers and dry them over a paraffin heater whilst I wrote up my story for the paper, meticulously recording the first, second and third prize winners of the dozens of classes that made up the Fatstock Show schedule.

Many years later when the Axminster Christmas Agricultural Show held its very last annual dinner I was invited to speak and there were many present who recalled the incident and revelled in Frank Rowe's joy of seeing this young reporter getting a taste of what country journalism was all about.

**LONG before I started to cover such events, the weekly cattle market in Axminster was held in Trinity Square before moving to the permanent market site off Coombe Lane, now, alas, long gone**

# Lulu still in with a 'shout'

WATCHING Lulu as a judge on the "Let It Shine" television programme at the weekend brought a few memories flooding back.

When I started working as a trainee reporter on the *Express & Echo* in Exeter in the swinging 1960s, we launched a page for youngsters called "Teen 'n' Twenties".

As well as reviewing all the latest single releases sent by the Decca label, I also got to interview a few famous pop stars who appeared at the ABC Theatre in Exeter.

One of these was Lulu, a huge sensation in the mid-sixties after her first big hit, the Isley Brothers' Shout, at the age of 15. She went on to win the Eurovision Song Contest in 1969 with "Boom A Bang-Bang". If my memory serves me right, I think she shared first place.

Lulu is just a few months younger than me and when I saw her on Saturday's television programme I thought "crickey, she's wearing well".

Much better than me without a wrinkle in sight. But then, I don't use Botex!

It's amazing how many acts from that era are still entertaining today. Music-wise, I think it was just the best time to be growing up.

At the ABC we were ushered back stage before the shows started and sometimes into the star's dressing rooms.

I managed to catch just a few words with Lulu in a corridor and to perfectly honest she wasn't particularly interested. Let's be honest, why should she be? She didn't need the publicity provided by a provincial daily paper in Devon on a page entitled "Teen 'n' Twenties".

I interviewed a few well known faces during that period, the best one by far being Cilla who was very ordinary and called me "chuck".

**WEARING WELL: Lulu at 68 years-old**

It was great getting singles of all the top ten hits but I was never a great music writer or judge of prolific talent. I predicted international stardom for blues singer Long John Baldry who did have a number one hit in 1967 with "Let The Heartaches Begin" but then emigrated to Canada.

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# Wasteful and underfunded NHS

■ IN RESPONSE to letters on the cost of the NHS, may I attempt to add some thoughts of my own?

It is not that Devon has spent too much, rather the NHS is grossly underfunded by the government. It has cut services and funds for hospitals and social care at a time of a growing ageing population living longer with complex needs, eg circa half a million old, poor and vulnerable can no longer get financial help for social care (now the responsibility of local authorities, but their funds have been slashed too by central government). With no help, they become emergencies and potential 'bed-blockers' with no care in place. There are too few carers who are given 15-minute slots (impossible), unpaid travel time and underpaid – insulting treatment for patients and carers.

Yes, why pick on cutting community hospital beds? These hospitals were mainly built to prevent bedblocking and cost half the amount of acute hospital beds. Community hospitals promote faster healing and wellbeing, and their GPs can keep an eye on them. Friends can visit more easily. Has no-one counted the valuable input by volunteers, befriending, etc, and huge financial help? To cut the cheapest item is crazy!

There has been much waste in gross overmanagement and constant reorganisation. We're told the local CCG has already cost over £7million. How much has it cost to send staff to Barnstaple and then back to Exeter? The national press has told us NHS chiefs are furious that 'greedy lawyers' have cost c. £440million on compensation claims.

What is the cost of recruiting new staff (both nurses and carers) in the community? Are there enough potential staff willing to train and accept work knowing their jobs could disappear any time? Who is to supervise?

One letter suggested NHS users should pay more to fund the NHS. But of 'free' NHS charges a lot for prescriptions (though free for many). We have to pay hundreds of pounds each time we need new spectacles and much for dentistry, chiropody, even osteopaths if physiotherapy isn't available. Hospital car parks raise huge sums of money at the expense of patients and visitors.

The best way to raise more money for our NHS is in higher income taxes on those who get paid the most and, quite unfairly, find the most loopholes. Increasing the number of ways of screwing the poor is not the answer.

More efficiency would help too, e.g .prescribing generic medicines but fewer antibiotics, and returning borrowed hospital equipment as shown recently on TV.

There seems to be a very wasteful system of buck-passing in the NHS, eg my 91-year-old husband had to wait five months for a serious sebaceous cyst removal (could have been cancer) despite prompt reporting. It could have been done by a GP but no, he waited twice for an Axminster hospital appointment (first cancelled), and second time the consultant dermatologist at the clinic refused to meet him – had the wrong equipment and wrong room! He eventually went to Heavitree, where it was well done, admittedly.

An old friend (80s) went to local surgery having hit her head on falling, and needed stitches. The GP refused and sent her to Honiton hospital despite having no transport (TRIP saved her).

There, a nurse-consultant refused to treat her after having had all her allergies faxed from her GP (surely irrelevant?) and said she must go to Exeter.

Our friend refused – no transport and didn't want to become a potential bed-blocker.

In the end, this Minor Injury person agreed to stitch the head wound without anything untoward happening.

Are these examples of a buck-passing type of management as a result of the latest compensation culture, or what?

*JANET LANG, Seaton*

## School funding

■ YOU report (January 31st) that a third of Devon's schools will lose out under proposed new national funding figures.

Your readers should know that these include Seaton Primary School (loss of £34,000, 2.7 per cent of total allocation) and Colyton Grammar School (£81,000, 2.9 per cent).

What price 'fairer' funding?

*MARTIN SHAW, Seaton*

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# Deer are welcome

■ YOUR article on January 17th about Sika deer having been seen on Trinity Hill, our local nature reserve, reported the delight of the person who saw them.

Local wildlife enthusiasts will have shared that delight. In last Tuesday's *View* a letter from Graham Godbeer on the subject of Sika deer appeared.

I am not alone in feeling unsure of the purpose of Mr Godbeer's letter, and a little concerned at the implication that the deer are too numerous and aren't particularly welcome, so a clarifying letter from him would be welcome.

In particular, people wandering on the beautiful nature reserve will not want to hear the sound of shooting, if those who take pleasure in killing wildlife see the situation described by Mr Godbeer as an invitation.

*KATHY HACKMAN, Seaton*

■ OVER the past few years, Smallridge Neighbourhood Watch representatives have attended conferences, election hustings and other gatherings where senior officers involved in policing our communities have publicly highlighted their successes in containing rising crime, police services being available to the community via 101, and their response to the fears of the vulnerable by active policing.

However, we have always argued that actual crime has not dropped, but that the absence of street patrols and closure of police stations has reduced the ability of victims to report crime or to expect any police attendance at 'low level' crimes and street disorder.

Special constables are not visible, and PCSOs seems to be the only occasional link with the public.

Our message has at last been acknowledged – the police, and past and present Crime Commissioners now agree that 101 telephone facility is unreliable and unfit for purpose.

The drop in service goes further. Around 50 per cent of households in the parish of All Saints are part of group email schemes for crime messages to be circulated of any suspicious activity.

Nothing is circulated now by Devon and Cornwall Police relating to local crimes or suspicious activity. No police representative normally attends our parish meetings, or makes contact with co-ordinators.

We welcome the 150 new constables being recruited to the force; it takes around five officers to have just one on patrol for 24 hours – the reality is that they will be absorbed into the major towns and cities.

Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Police – we invite you to set out your plans to reconstruct substantial and practical policing in East Devon for 2017.

*LIBBY DIBBLE, Smallridge Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, and BILL COLTHAM, deputy Coordinator*

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**2. Arts and crafts:** Buy/gather materials the day before if possible. Spread out loads of newspapers and put out your materials. Cover the table, find pens, paints, glitter and glue.

Make a butterfly mobile to brighten a bed room, or do something 'big and easy' with old wallpaper! Print out pictures to cut and colour.

**3. Teddy bears picnic / dolls tea party:** Write out party invites, make paper hats, cut out and colour paper plates, prepare a pass-the-parcel, make miniature sandwiches and snacks.

**4. Afternoon disco:** Get out your old tapes/CDs, decorate the lounge, turn the lights down and put up some fairy lights and tin foil disco balls. Have a "bar" and mix fruit juice cocktails. Invite a friend or two. Dance!

**5. Memories box/scrapbook:** Go through old photos of when they were babies, toddlers. Also special people, places and special occasions in their lives. Stick them in a jotter, or cover a shoe box with wrapping paper, or find a special place to keep them together.

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**1. Swimming:** It might seem a bit chilly to get your kit off but once you're in you'll be glad you did! It's a great activity for families with kids of different age groups and you'll come out feeling fresh and glowing. Look for splash sessions/kids sessions which work out cheaper.

**2. The park:** Even those of us in the most built up areas have a park nearby. It can be hard to find the motivation to get going when it's cold, but we know you won't let the weather get you down so get kitted out and get on down. Bring a selection of scooters, dolls prams, balls, chalks, frisbee, skipping rope and so on...

**3. Soft play:** When you really don't want to get cold but the kids need to let off steam, blow the budget with a visit to the local soft play centre. Always busy during half term but the kids never mind and you're bound to meet someone you know. Feed the kids before you go and bring a bottle of water so you don't have to buy expensive cafe food. Tell them that's the deal before you go!

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**5. Mattress manouevres:** Great for refreshing a boring afternoon or killing a squabble. Drag a mattress downstairs into the most suitable room and put cushions around it and on any hard edges. Voila! Your own indoor soft-play centre. When they are tired, grab a heap of books and lie around reading.

**Out and about:** If you're short on inspiration check out the Netmums 'Places to Go' section at www.netmums.com.

**1. Get down on the farm:** Most of the farms aimed at children and families are open all year round and a cold clear Winters day in wellies is a great time to visit. Spot the new baby lambs and try to resist bringing one home.

**2. Libraries:** Local and free a visit to a library can be a calming experience. If you don't have a library card, sign up for one and bring your first books home today.

**3. Local attractions:** Castles, museums, think about where you might take an overseas visitor who came to stay. Often we forget to visit the tourist attractions on our own doorstep. Plan to visit one this half term.

**It's got to be done:** Chores don't go away just because it's half term but plan them in and get the kids helping.

**1. v:** It won't go away and as we've shown in our survey when the house is a mess, we all get stressed. The best solution is a quick tidy up in the morning and then again after tea.

If you try and keep the house tidy you'll be tidying up all day long. You can slot in a full half day of housework into your planner and rather than let the kids watch TV, get them helping.

Remember: Cleaning the house when the kids are growing is like shovelling snow when its still snowing.

**2. Laundry:** Small children can help with sorting clothes and matching socks. A Smartie for every pair matched correctly is a great motivator. Young teenagers will love to be shown how to properly iron a shirt and be allowed to do such a grown up task.

A washing up bowl with a few suds and a old t-shirt to "wash" will delight a toddler.

**3. Cooking:** As long as you aren't rushed, and can cope with a bit of tidying up afterwards, cooking with kids can be one of the most rewarding activities to do together. Make sure you know what you are cooking and assemble the ingredients and equipment before you call the children in. You can make sweet fun stuff like buns, but you can also make proper dinners with your children's help.

**Take a break:** A lovely day doing nothing will do everyone good.

**1. Duvet day:** You are allowed at least one of these in your half term week! A day when you all stay in your PJ's all day. It's always better when planned in advance: borrow or swap some new DVD's, stock up on popcorn and chocolate, have a big bath together in the middle of the day. From experience, it might be best left till later in the week when the children have started to unwind and relax and are less likely to argue.

**2. Long lie-in:** All snuggle in bed with a pile of books or a DVD - bring breakfast upstairs and don't get up until you're ready.

**3. Babysitting swap:** Arrange in advance. Ask a friend if she'd like to swap a half day's childcare with you so you each get a half day off. Book the dates then book a hair appointment or just take yourself off to a cafe with a pile of magazines. Even an hour or two will do the trick.

**4. Find a teenager:** Teenagers are also on holiday at half term and always desperate for a bit of extra cash. If you really will find half term long and difficult, book them for a couple of hours a couple of different days. It will give you a break - even if you just go and lock yourself in the bathroom with a book.

## HAYNES MOTOR MUSEUM

# Kids' Discovery Week at Haynes

## *13th to 17th February 2017*

IS YOUR family ready to accept the Haynes Discovery Mission? Working as a family of amateur detectives, your first task will be to work out what the contents are in one of the mysterious bags. A Museum volunteer will be alongside each bag and once you have identified the contents the volunteer will give you further information about it. They will then give you your 'mission details'. Upon completing your mission you will need to report back to HQ with the information you have collected and you will then all receive your first mission reward. In total there are ten exciting missions. Aimed at families, this is a fantastic chance to explore the Museum and our Education Centre, as well as getting hands on with some artefacts from our motoring past and present. Please see website for further details and T & Cs: www.himm.co.uk

## PLAYDOME

# *Playdome Looking Forward To Entertaining Children This Half Term!*

# Valentine's Day

Celebrate with the help of these local businesses

Busy Bee FLORIST

Love is . . . . flowers

Spoil your Valentine with flowers, balloons and chocolates from Busy Bee at Millers Farm Shop

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or
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## Busy Bee Florist

BUSY Bee Florist are proud to be the longest established Florist in Axminster and are now based at Millers Farm Shop in Kilmington. In these days of bulk purchasing and national chain stores, we feel there is still a place for the "personal touch", supplying British products where possible and at best locally sourced. Fortunately, we have many loyal customers and we continue to create a pleasant buying experience, aspiring to the old values of customer service being delivered with a smile and the occasional joke thrown in – something our customers enjoy.

Busy Bee Florist specialises in providing beautiful Valentine's flowers and our beautiful bouquets are the perfect gift to show that special person in your life just how much you love them. What's more, with our new relationship with Millers Farm Shop, you can include Champagne, Prosecco, fruit baskets and chocolates with all your flower orders.

With freshness and hand delivery guaranteed, we operate a daily delivery service in our local area encompassing the three counties of Devon, Somerset and Dorset. Order flowers by 1pm for same day delivery, Monday to Saturday.

Busy Bee don't just specialise in bouquets for Valentine's Day, our florists also provide tailored designs for any special occasion, including weddings. Why not visit our website **busybeefloristry.com** to see the array of services we offer or call **07834 881088** or **01297 35290** to see how we can help.

## The New Inn, Kilmington

**Champagne Cocktail on Arrival**

**Starters**
Fresh & Smoked Salmon Rillettes
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Sticky Bourbon Barbeque Chicken Wings
served with a blue cheese dip
Faux Gras with Toast & Pickles

**Mains**
Mussels with Guinness
served with crusty bread
Braised Ox Cheek
served with creamy mash and fresh vegetables
Chicken Masala Curry
served with rice and naan bread
(Vegetable Curry available)

**Desserts Sharing Platter**
Chocolate Dipped Strawberries
Raspberry Millefeuille
Mini Donuts
with a hot chocolate dipping sauce

The New Inn Kilmington

Valentines Night
Saturday 11th Feburary

£50 per couple includes a 3 course meal and Live music with Jinder

Please provide your choices by 5th February for the Valentines Night.
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**CACI's FREE OPEN EVENING**
on Thursday 23rd February between 4.30pm and 7pm
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# Valentine's Day

Celebrate with the help of these local businesses

## Haselbury Mill Hotel & Restaurant

HASELBURY Mill is often described as "Probably the most beautiful setting in the South West of England" The original buildings date back many centuries and are of great local interest with a history stretching back to the times of William the Conqueror and are reportedly mentioned in the Doomsday Book. Haselbury Mill is truly the ultimate somerset venue to commemorate and celebrate the special days in your life.

The three magnificent listed buildings and newly built Tithe Barn provide the focus of this superb conference, restaurant, hotel & wedding facility. The Georgian Mill owner's house and adjacent cottages have been transformed into a luxuriously appointed 21-bedroom hotel all with high-speed Wi-Fi Internet connection. All rooms are en-suite and are exquisitely appointed to add that little touch of luxury to the beautiful surroundings.

The original Mill buildings have been sympathetically converted to a stylish restaurant and underneath can be found a traditional local's bar with flag stone floors and oak-paneled walls. The four-storey Granary building nearby encompasses a lakeside bar and restaurant and further function and conference rooms.

Treat your loved one to a 7 course Valentines meal at Somerset's iconic Haselbury Mill. Whether you are celebrating the first Valentines together or your 50th, our set menu will make sure it's an evening to remember. Booking is essential and costs £34.95 per person.

HASELBURY MILL

HOTEL & RESTAURANT

Valentines Night

Saturday 11th & Tuesday 14th February

Prosecco & Canapes

on arrival

Smooth Duck Liver, Brandy & Pistachio Parfait

Brioche Toast & Fig Jam

Cornish Crab & Lobster Filo Tartlet

Young Spinach, Shellfish Veloute

Poached Fillet of Angus Beef

Fondant Potato, Watercress & Bernaise

Passionfruit Bavouise

Milk Chocolate Ganche Tart

Raspberry Sorbet

Coffee & homemade Petit Fours

7 course dinner

£34.95

Vegetarian Option Available

Its all happening on Sunday lunchtimes at Haselbury Mill. In addition to our hugely successful carvery (which has gone from strength to strength in the last 18 years), we now offer an exciting a la carte menu in the newly refurbished Lakeside Restaurant.

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## Cranberries Hideaway

Cranberries Hideaway

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## The Windwhistle Inn

FAST becoming one of the most popular places to eat out in the local area the Windwhistle is a cosy country pub offering locally sourced, all homemade food. With its friendly and relaxed approach everyone is made to feel welcome at the Windy. A recent re-decoration of parts of the pub has transformed the space whilst still keeping the traditional charm of the old part of the building.

Food is freshly prepared in our kitchen daily and with a Build Your Own Burger section and modern pub classics featuring on the menu, plus an ever changing specials board, the Windwhistle offers something for every person's pallet. Dietary requirements are easily catered for with many vegetarian and gluten free options available as standard.

Our Valentines menu offers some mouth-watering main courses and decadent puddings and will run alongside our normal full menu from Friday 11th February until Saturday 18th February so plenty of chance to take advantage of it.

A perfect spot for a romantic evening or meal with family and friends, the Windwhistle caters for all ages and tastes. But don't take our word for it - come and see for yourself!

## Cranberries

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### Valentine's menu

**STARTERS**

**Squid**
Crispy squid with chick peas lemon and oregano

**Goats cheese salad**
Warm Goats cheese salad with beetroot puree and tapenade

**Terrine**
Chicken ham terrine with pickled girolle, tarragon and honey mustard dressing

**Veg fritters**
Cauliflower and broccoli fritters with curry aioli

**Sorbet**
Passionfruit sorbet
Lemon sorbet

**MAINS**

**8oz Fillet Steak**
8oz Fillet steak with sautéed wild mushrooms with garlic and thyme mash blistered cherry tomatoes accomapnied by steak Diane sauce.

**Confit Rabbit**
Confit Rabbit tagliatelle with a light Dijon mustard sauce laced with brandy with a slice of griddled sour dough bread.

**Duck Breast**
Pan seared duck breast with grielled chicory garlic dauphinoise potatoes, celeriac puree finished with a rich duck reduction.

**Monkfish Curry**
Sri Lankan style monk fish curry finished with fresh coriander flat bread and coconut rice

**Beetroot and Feta Tartlet**
Servied with tahini dressed leaves and roast beef tomato with rosemary and garlic

**DESSERTS**

**S'More Brownies**
Chocolate brownie topped with toasted marshmallow, milk chocolate and lightly salted gram crackers with butterscotch sauce

**Pecan-Pie Cheesecake**
Madagascan vanilla cheesecake with roasted and toasted pecans with a maple toffee sauce

**Espresso Roasted Pears and Mascarpone Cream**
Seckel pears slow roasted with espresso, served on a light mascarpone and finished with a chocolate liquor reduction

**Trio of Furzleigh Down Dairy Ice Cream**

**£29.95**
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**Hills Farm, Whitford Rd, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon EX13 7NS**
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## The Windwhistle Inn

Cricket St Thomas, TA20 4DQ 01460 30229 www.windwhistleinn.co.uk
Menu Running from Friday 10th until Saturday 18th February
on our Specials Board alongside our normal full menu (excluding Sundays)

Antipasti Platter to Share – Italian Cured Meats, Marinated Feta, Pate, Chilli Prawns, Humus, Pickles & Bread
£12.75 for two people to share

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Surf, Turf 'n' Sky – 4oz Sirloin Steak, Shell on Prawns in Garlic Butter & Cajun Chicken Skewers w/ Skinny Fries, Salad & Onion Rings £18.50

Roast Chicken Breast Stuffed w/ Mozzarella & Pesto & Wrapped in Parma Ham w/ Olive Mash, Ratatouille & Pesto Dressing £12.75

Spicy Goan Fish Curry w/ Jasmine Rice £13.50

Carrot & Coriander Fritters w/ Grilled Halloumi, Sweet Potato Wedges, Curly Kale & Spiced Tomato Sauce £9.50

Slow Roast Pork Belly w/ Mustard Mash, Carrots & Jus £13.75

Red Gurnard Fillets w/ Hot Smoked Salmon Potato Cake, Lemon Roast Parsnips & Watercress Sauce £12.75

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Trio of Chocolate – Chocolate Brownie, Chocolate Orange Mousse & White Chocolate Ice Cream £6

Salted Caramel Tart w/ Clotted Cream Ice Cream £5.75

Black Forest Gateaux Ice Cream Sundae £6

White Chocolate & Passionfruit Parfait w/ HoneycombPieces, Cream & Fresh Passionfruit £5.75

Jam Roly Poly w/ Cherry Brandy Sauce & Custard
£10.00 for two people to share

# Valentine's Day

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## The Ridgeway

Kevin, Carole & Cohen welcome you to the Ridgeway, we are now in our 29th year!!

Valentines dinner dance 11th February.

Valentines Day specials.

Saturday 18th February we have our wedding taster evening, come for an informal chat, a taste of some of our delights or just have a look around. Whether you are planning a wedding, celebration or a party, the ridgeway is a great venue set in a great location.

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• Mushroom Risotto •

To Finish...

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• Strawberry Eton Mess • Trio of Sorbet •
• Crepe Suzette •
• Brandy Bread & Butter Pudding •
• West Country Cheeses •

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14th February

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## Brownie Hearts with Fresh Raspberry Buttercream

*Visually impressive, and comforting like only a brownie knows how to be - A very fun dessert for Valentine's Day!*

**Prep:** 50 mins, **Cook:** 45 mins

**Ingredients for the brownies:**

200g quality dark chocolate (70%)
250g unsalted butter
80g quality cocoa powder
65g plain flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
360g caster sugar
4 large free-range eggs

**For the fresh raspberry buttercream:**

115g unsalted butter, at room temperature
340g raspberries, fresh or frozen
1/2 tsp lemon juice
445g icing sugar
1 to 2 tsp milk (if needed)

**Method for the brownies:**

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4. Line a 24cm square baking tin with greaseproof paper.
2. Snap the chocolate into a large bowl, add the butter and place over a pan of simmering water, until melted, stirring regularly.
3. Sift the cocoa powder and flour into a separate bowl, add the baking powder and sugar, then mix together.
4. Beat the eggs, then mix in until you have a silky consistency.
5. Pour the brownie mix into the baking tin, and place in the oven for around 25 minutes. You don't want to overcook them so, unlike cakes, you don't want a skewer to come out clean – the brownies should be slightly springy on the outside but still gooey in the middle.
6. Allow to cool in the tray, then carefully transfer to a large chopping board and cut into hearts.

**Now prepare the raspberry buttercream:**

1. Cook the raspberries over medium heat, stirring frequently until broken down into a sauce.
2. Pour the sauce through a fine mesh strainer to remove the seeds, and then pour the raspberry sauce back in the pot.
3. Simmer until the sauce reduces. It will be a very rich red and concentrated sauce. Set aside to cool.
4. With a mixer, cream the butter until lightened in color and a bit fluffy. Add half the powdered sugar, raspberry sauce and lemon juice. Mix until smooth.
5. Add the another half of the powdered sugar and mix until smooth.
6. If you want the frosting less stiff, add some milk, 1 tablespoon at a time.
7. Spread the frosting over one heart and top with another, very gently pressing down to make a sandwich. Repeat until all your brownie hearts are completed. Finally sprinkle with icing sugar.

## Chocolat et Présent

CHOCOLAT ET PRÉSENT is a definite must to visit when in Colyton. You will be impressed with the selection and choice of products for sale.

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With its stunning countryside setting, traditional menu and unrivalled facilities, Kingston Maurward will provide a wed- ding day to remember forever.

Come along to the Wedding Fair on Sunday 19th February- the one-stop shop for every bride and groom to be.

Everyone from photographers, transport and jewellers, to bridal wear, flowers and cake designers will be there to book on the day.

Doors are open 11am-3pm and £3.50 per person with a free complimentary drink on arrival.

Come and meet the friendly and professional team to discuss your perfect day, whether you want a ceremony, reception, intimate wedding, same sex wedding, or full event – your day will be tailored to you.

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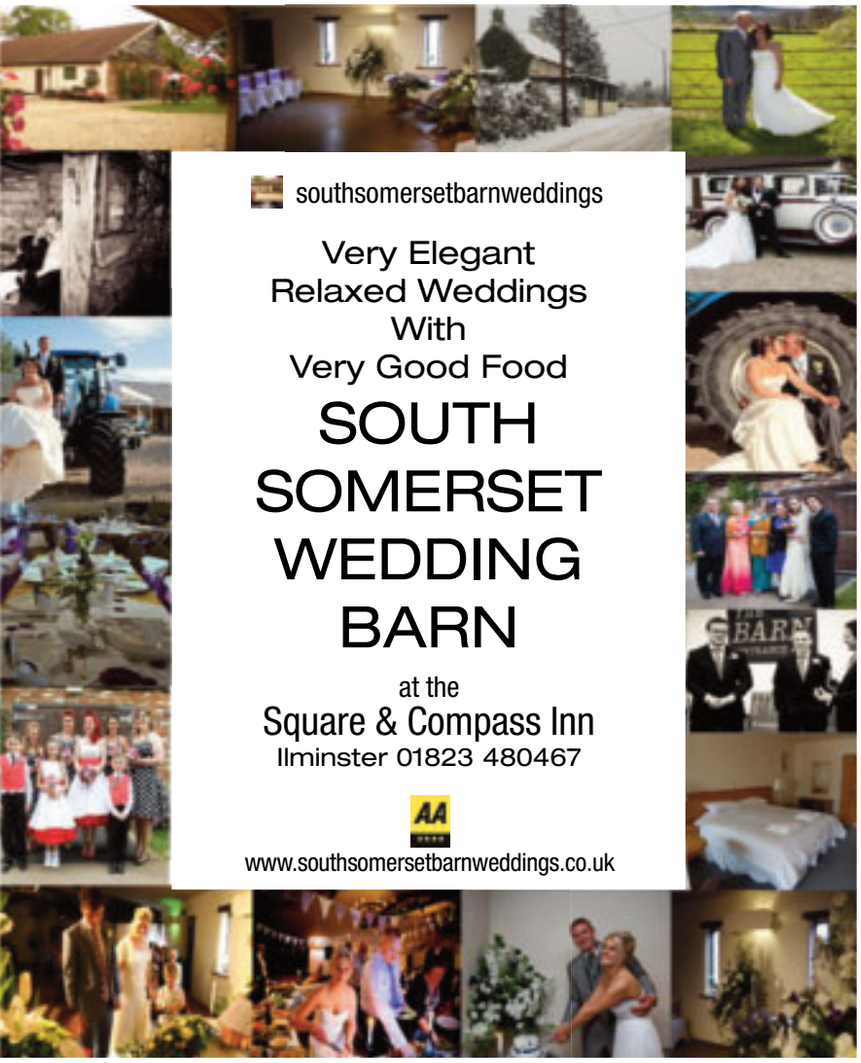

## Prima Moda Brides

PRIMA MODA Brides of Ilminster has been of- fering a personal and professional service for over 12 years. Known for the latest designs and unique choice of gowns the business has grown in reputation with many brides travelling from all over the country and even aboard to find their perfect gown.

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The shop has generous space with natural lighting, very important for choosing colours and fabrics to suit you. The very spacious mirrored changing rooms are a must to be able to see the gowns at their full advantage, which you can now see from the comfort of your own home through our virtual tour. To see the whole effect accessories are available with Richard Design veils and tiaras and Rainbow Club shoes. A comfortable seating area for the brides family and chosen friends is always a must.

Jean offers a friendly, reliable service, and coupled with many years of experience, can guide you in the right direction when it comes to choosing that perfect dress for your special day. Kaye James has worked as a seamstress and designer alongside Sarah Jackson for a few months now, and can help with any design requirements you may have.

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# VIEW 2

# The Beehive is abuzz for a fantastic February line-up

View from the beehive with Wendy Der Plank

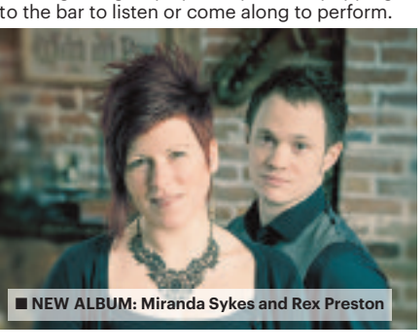
WHILST enjoying a flurry of Oscar nominated movies such as *LaLa Land*, *Lion*, *Jackie* and *Manchester by the Sea*, we are also getting into the swing of our live events here with two great sell out shows coming up, namely Jethro the Cornish comedian, and even more hotly anticipated is the Wizz Jones and Ralph McTell concert. These folk legends launch their *'About Time'* album tour and The Beehive is lucky enough to be their only Devon date.

The building is positively reverberating with laughter and absolutely fab singing in the run up to our annual panto from the Honiton Community Theatre Co. This year we are being treated to *'Aladdin'* with hi-jinks from all of the usual suspects (firm Honiton favourites!) playing the lead roles and a huge youth chorus. Chloe Pottinger, playing Aladdin, is pictured, right.

Our new nostalgic cinema season has just been announced and after *Broadway Melody* (with sublime tap routines) we have the likes of *Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid* and *Mary Poppins*! Hooray, can't wait.

The stunningly beautiful Royal Ballet Live screening of *The Sleeping Beauty* will also be shown at 7pm on Tuesday, February 28th. We sell family tickets and have allocated seating for this event.

Our Folk and Acoustic café sessions, usually held on the second Wednesday of the month are very relaxed and friendly, with so many talented people just strolling along to play, always worth popping in to the bar to listen or come along to perform.



■ NEW ALBUM: Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston

Speaking of fab folk we are really delighted to be welcoming Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston to the Beehive on Saturday, February 24th. vAn amazing, dynamic duo, Miranda and Rex continue to build a repertoire of contemporary and narrative songs that are showcased to critical acclaim. The unusual pairing of double bass and mandolin, has a timeless feel and universal appeal. Their brand new album– *The Watchmaker's Wife* – although not a parable of their personal lives, is most certainly a reflective, powerful and moving collection of tales of love and loss; some traditional and delivered in a way that maintains the dignity of the old songs; some original and with very modern arrangements; some are covers; all with a vibrant, immediate and edgy feel. This promises to be a very special evening.

Now for something totally different! An hilarious night of Food lover's guidance with Jay Rayner - an audio visual romp through the *Ten Food Commandments* on Saturday, March 4th. He'll explain why thou shalt always eat with thy hands, why thou should most definitely worship leftovers, and why thou must celebrate the stinkiest of foods. Plus he'll invite thee to honour thy pig - and so much more besides. Although I find him a rather terrifying presence when judging on MasterChef, I love his no nonsense approach and brilliantly acerbic restaurant reviews in the Observer, he's also great as presenter of BBC R4's The Kitchen Cabinet. Yikes, am I cooking his supper??

To find out more about our upcoming events check out the website: wwwbeehivehoniton.co.uk, grab our latest flyer or pop in and see us, you're always welcome!

**See you soon, Wendy**

■ IN COMMAND: Jay Rayner

# Troubadours & Raconteurs

THE HENHAYES Community Centre in Crewkerne will be hosting an evening of entertainment by Mumbo Jumbo on Friday, February 24th when they present *Troubadours & Raconteurs*.

Three rootsy, close-harmony singer-songwriters on life, work, baldness and home care for the elderly! Oliver Carpenter (vocal, trumpet and percussion), Chris Lomas (vocal, bass, uke and guitar) and Phil Bond (vocal, piano and squeezebox) are Mumbo Jumbo. Nominated for songwriting in the British Blues Awards they play uplifting original songs, rarely heard rootsy tunes and more familiar numbers, all delivered with a real sense of humour. It's a big band sound in a small package with a terrific combo of trumpet, keyboard, accordion, washboard and vocals.

A supper of Lasagne (or a vegetarian alternative) followed by Pineapple Upside Down pudding will be served before the concert.

Tickets priced at £18 to include supper or £10 without supper are available from the Henhayes Centre. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Supper is at 6.30pm and the concert starts at 7.45pm. There will be a licensed bar open from 6.00pm and a raffle. All proceeds will support the work of the Centre.

For further information call the Henhayes Centre on 01460 74340 or send an email to henhayescentre@btconnect.com

# 70s Explosion Disco Party!

A STUNNING night at Axminster Guildhall dancing to the live music of the 70s with great songs from that classic era will be just the medicine for a cold, miserable February evening!

Last year, Axminster Musical Theatre hosted a Sixties Explosion which was sensational and they are ready to do it again with the Seventies! Fancy dress is an absolute essential to ensure you really get in the era and atmosphere! Dance for a whole night with hundreds of others all suitably attired!

So get your tickets either on line at bit.ly/2jGBYYU or from The Archway Bookshop 01297 33595 or turn up on the door. Put the date in your diary Saturday, February 18th, 8pm to midnight. Axminster Musical Theatre's next production with be South Pacific running from 15th to 18th November.

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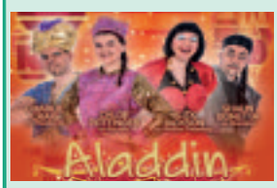


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**MANCHESTER BY THE SEA (15)**
**Sat 25 Feb 7.30pm £6.50/£5.50**
Kenneth Lonergan's award-winning film starring Casey Affleck & Michelle Williams. Lee is asked to take care of his teenage nephew after the death of his brother. Heartbreaking and heartwarming.

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# Diary Dates

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH**

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10.00 for 10.30am in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington for a talk by Darren Walker entitled 'Drink Wise Age Well' and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

**CHARD:** Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will have a talk entitled 'Doorstep Milk Delivery' by Peter Hayward. New members and visitors are very welcome to join us at Manor Court School at 7pm.

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

**CREWKERNE:** Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2-4pm.

**COLYFORD:** Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH**

**AXMINSTER:** Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am-12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

**HONITON:** Guided Exhibition Tour by SWAc Academician Ray Balkwill, at Thelma Hulbert Gallery, 6-8pm. £3 (£2 THG Friends) incl. glass of wine

**SIDMOUTH:** Parlour Music and Merriment from the Old Bull & Bush Company of Artistes. At Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30-4.30pm. Maestro Trevor Bolshaw, Jan Sutcliffe, Mo. Cuthbert and Brian Rees.

**SEATON:** Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway. Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5 . All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH**

**SEAVINGTON:** Seavington Gardening Club at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. The Gold Club will be giving a talk on "Growing Fruit and Vegetables on the Patio". There will be plants for sale. Visitors welcome £2 payable at the door and refreshments will be available plus a raffle. For further information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728.

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**CHARD:** Chard Royal Naval Association will be meeting for their bi monthly social meeting at 7.30pm in the Chard Rugby football club Essex Close The members will be entertained by Mrs Margaret Adams giving her comical version of life as a farmers wife. The association is always on the look out for new members and any one wishing to attend their meeting on the night should came along where they would be made most welcome. Further details can be obtained from Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

**SEATON:** Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm in the Masonic Hall, Queen Street. Talk on "How to renovate a tired garden" by Elizabeth Holman who is a Garden Designer and Horticulturist. Visitors welcome, charge £2. to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049.

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 10.30am to 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH**

# Programme of popular classics for piano and organ in Minster Church

AXMINSTER and District Choral Society will present an array of popular classical music on piano and organ on Sunday, February 19th from 3pm at the Minster Church.

The society's president, Andrew Millington, together with Devon-based organist David Davies, will play a range of pieces by composers from Mozart to Gershwin.

The programme, which is expected to last about 75 minutes and will be followed by afternoon tea, will also include the William Tell Overture by Rossini, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March and the rousing Washington Post March by Sousa, alongside arrangements of lesser-known duets and solo items designed to display the versatility of the two instruments.

Andrew Millington's career in Cathedral music covers some 40 years, most recently as Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral, where his work with the Cathedral Choir included several broadcasts and recordings and highly successful tours of Russia, France, Norway and USA.

David Davies was educated at Eton College, Magdalen College, Oxford (where he was organ scholar) and at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University.

David has held church organist positions on both sides of the Atlantic. In the USA he was Artistic Director of Atlanta Schola Cantorum. Returning to the UK he was Director of the Surrey Festival Choir that was founded by Ralph Vaughan Williams during the Second World War.

Tickets, to include afternoon tea following the performance, will cost £10 (children and students free) and are available from members of the choir, Archway Books or Tel. 01297 33576.

# What's it Worth?

## The Antiques Roadshow's Eric Knowles comes to Bridport

ERIC Knowles takes centre stage with a two hour, one man show that retains the same winning format of meet and greet... but with a difference!

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Eric Knowles is one of those rare individuals who is able to share his extensive knowledge of the world of Antiques in a manner that is easily understood. With over Twenty years working on the BBC's flagship programme The Antiques Roadshow under his belt, Eric has become the friendly face of what for many years proved to be a business shrouded with no small element of mystery.

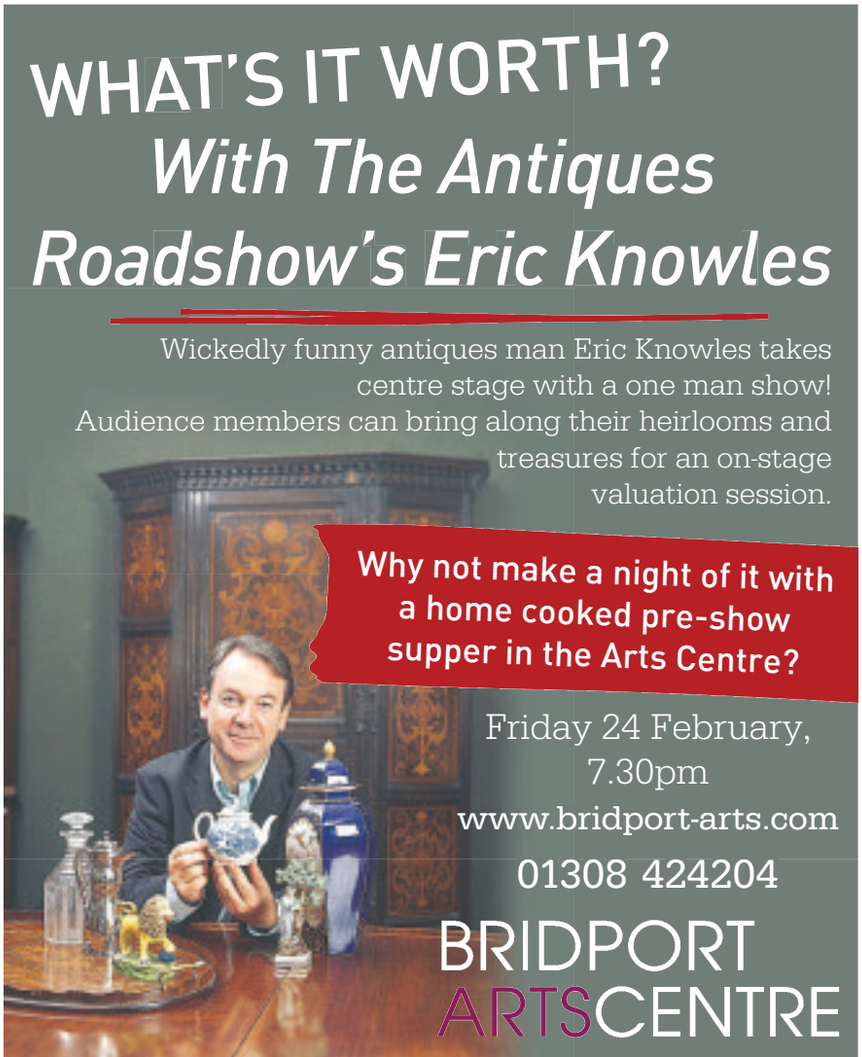
In What's it Worth?, the lad from Lancashire takes the wraps off a business in which he has been immersed for over 30 years. The first part of the evening is given over to what are quite often irreverent anecdotal reminiscences, ably supported by excellent images.

The second part of the evening is devoted to the audience's 'treasures', twenty five of which have been selected by Eric during the initial meeting and greeting session and welcome party. Eric is keen to assure all those bringing heirlooms that he for one will be drinking only Adam's Ale until all are safely returned.

A witty and entertaining look at the world of Antiques with one of its best raconteurs.

A two or three course, home-cooked preshow supper is available before the show.

Eric Knowles brings his show 'What's it Worth' to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 and £14, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204

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**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**KILMINGTON:** Echinacea and Redbeckia An interesting talk, Martin Young covers the versatility of this very popular plant group, from providing late summer and autumn colour in the garden to the medicinal use of Echinacea. Kilmington Garden Club, Kilmington village hall, Whitford Road,Kilmington, EX13 7RF 7.30PM Non members £1.00

**LYME REGIS:** U3A Heritage Coast. Social and information morning. 10am in Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Come for free coffee and chat, a chance to meet leaders of more than fifty interest and activity groups, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. At 10.30am, a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members. Members and non-members all welcome. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal + roll & butter and unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne and District Twinning Association are holding a "Valentines Coffee Morning" at Crewkerne Heritage Centre in the upstairs room, from 10 am until Noon. Cake and top ups of Coffee or tea £2.50. Everyone is welcome if anyone has an interest in hosting this year from 25th/28th May please come along as well to hear what we have planned. Otherwise come along for a social morning.

**HINTON ST GEORGE:** Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'Bridget Jones' Baby' (15), in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

**CHARD:** Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'February Romance', at Chard Guildhall. 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH**

**COLYFORD:** Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

**BROADCLYST:** 'Strictly on Sundays' at Broadclyst Victory Hall, 2.30pm-5pm. Free parking. Pay on the door £5 (includes tea/coffee and cakes).

**SIDMOUTH:** Schubert on Sunday with senior students of Vocal coach Alex Poulton, Dorothy Worthington -piano, Kevin Hurst - clarinet. At Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30-4.30pm.

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH**

**WINSHAM:** Winsham Art Club meeting. Lisa Neill, 'A Winter Landscape', watercolour paint/acrylic paint. Meetings every Monday 2-4pm at the Jubilee Hall, Church Street. Coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

**HONITON:** Honiton Art Society Meeting. Watercolour demonstration by David Norman At Awliscombe Village Hall, 2-4pm. Visitors and new members always welcome. Visitors £4. At www.honitonartsociety.com

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

**MUSBURY:** Musbury Village Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting. Public meeting held in Musbury Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm.

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non- members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH**

**BROADWAY:** The Ile Valley Flower Club meeting at Broadway Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Dave Moon of the National Garden Scheme with a "Digital Visual Presentation". All are welcome as visitors or future members this should prove to be interesting to all Flower Arrangers and Gardeners

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

*Nicky Sweetland's*

# Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

# A little theatre overdose before travelling to Oz

■ LADY IN RED: Amy Wheatley in Little Red Riding Hood in Bridport

I THINK I've done it. My theatre addiction has finally gotten the better of me and I overdosed this week.

Six shows in four days, plus four interviews with the stars of the West End has left me with some worrying symptoms, including an inexplicable need to stand and applaud whenever someone does anything even remotely merit worthy as well as an innate moth like attraction to bright lights.

I've also started to randomly break into song whenever someone says anything that even remotely resembles a song lyric - although I think that's an affliction I've harboured for a while - and I've started using any slightly solid flooring area to practice tap dancing and moonwalking.

It has been a fantastic week however, filled with a variety of shows from plays to pantomimes and obviously, the obligatory sprinkling of musical theatre mixed in to make the dreary weather and tumultuous political climate fade into the background.

After a busy day in the Lyme Regis office, I had a tricky trip up to capital with the trains not playing ball- but eventually managed to get myself along to the Adelphi Theatre for my seventh helping of the joyful *Kinky Boots*, along with my friend, fellow theatrical devotee and blogger, West End Wilma.

This is still one of the best musicals in London in my opinion; so uplifting and filled with much needed themes of acceptance. With music by Cyndi Lauper the multi award winning show never fails to leave me beaming and is a definite recommendation.

Then I went to see Oscar winner, Mark Rylance in *Nice Fish* at The Harold Pinter Theatre. I couldn't tell you what it was about, because I have no idea. I'm sure the more clever critics will be able to give a deep meaning to it, but I spent much of the performance feeling as if I was in a parallel universe.

Luckily the day was saved by my visit to the Lyric Hammersmith to see a new musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox*. With some lovely music and lots of adult naughtiness cleverly woven in, I had a whale of a time. This is a show for the whole family, which will tour the UK after its London run and is well worth a visit.

With my head filled and frazzled, my next theatre excursion may not have been such a good idea, but having never experienced *Stomp* before, I decided to pop along and see just how a show which involves banging bin lids together has managed to entertain audiences in the West End for over 25 years.

I found the blend of clowning and percussive dance surprisingly entertaining, although the omission of dialogue and music does make it lack purpose.

It was then time for some free food and fun at the Faulty Towers interactive dining experience. I learned quite early on in my career that eating in the capital is expensive, so I try my best to blag free food at every possible opportunity.

Sadly the cuisine on offer from Basil, Sybil and Manuel was mediocre, however it was a hugely entertaining evening.

*The Faulty Towers Dining Experience* will visit Exeter's Northcott Theatre later this year.

I then polished off my theatrical marathon by heading over to Bridport to see their pantomime version of *Little Red Riding Hood*. With an abundance of youthful exuberance and some hugely engaging portrayals, it was a great way to end the week.

Next week I'm off to the other side of the world, hopefully for a bit of sunshine. The Aussie's aren't quite so keen on their theatre, but I have managed to find a couple of shows to stave off my theatrical cold turkey.

I'm going to watch Disney's musical version of *Aladdin*, which I saw in the West End last year and a critically acclaimed play called the Testament of Mary, which is fulfilling a limited run at the Sydney Opera house.

**You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland**

■ FOXY FUN: Greg Barnett and Richard Atwill in Fantastic Mr Fox


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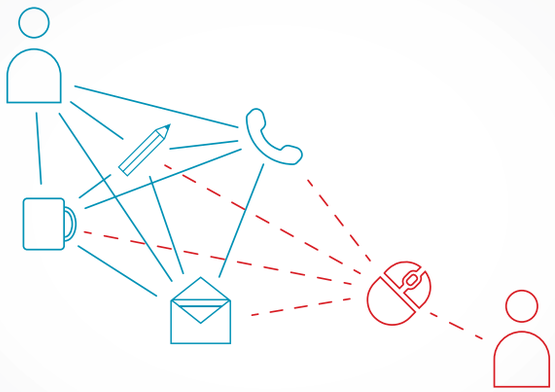

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# Diary Dates

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH**

**CHARD:** Chard Royal British Legion Branch Meeting of the Chard Royal British Legion Branch will take place at 7:30pm, meeting in the Maltings Committee Room. The newly elected Branch Committee is very keen to encourage younger people to become members of the branch and help to support members and ex-members of our Armed Forces.

**DUNKESWELL:** Dunkeswell bowls club are holding a valentine curry evening with live entertainment to raise funds for a new outdoor carpet. This is the first of many fund raising activities we will be holding. So bring your valentine to chose from a mix from 6 exotic dishes with a sweet trolley to die for. This will be held at the Old Village Hall in Dunkeswell. 7pm for 7.30. Entrance by ticket only £12.50, bring your own liquid refreshment. Book a ticket and pay at the door, please ring Elaine on 01404 891519 or email danelaine@icloud.com

**COLYFORD:** Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

**SIDMOUTH:** East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Steve Hubble will perform at 2.30pm (preceeded by AGM at 2pm).

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

**CREWKERNE:** Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2-4pm.

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH**

**COLYTON :** Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch at the The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 2:30pm An illustrated talk "The Colyton Canal". Ken Clifford will tell how in the 19th century there were plans for a Ship Canal to cross Devon and Somerset. Thomas Telford, a floating harbour at Beer, a cut through the chalk cliff , a famous smuggler as consultant... All welcome, admission £1 for DA members, non-members £3. Details from 01297551529 or brian_denham@talktalk.net

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

**SEATON:** Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Helena Williams: Exotic Travels with my Camera. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

**SEATON:** Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway. Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5 . All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

**HONITON:** Honiton U3A will be meeting on Wednesday 15th February when they see the return of popular speaker Sarah Obermuller-Bennett who will be telling us about 'Devon Ghosts and Legends' - a costumed talk of ghosts, scandals and shaking chains in haunted Devon! At The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton. Doors open 1.30 for 2.00pm start. Members free and visitors welcome (suggested donation £2). Tel: 01404 598008 Website: http://u3asites.org.uk/honiton

**COLYFORD :** Axe Valley Centre National Trust, Annual General Meeting followed by a talk on Killerton National Trust. Colyford Memorial Hall 2.30 pm Non-members welcome admission £2.00 including refreshments.

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club will be holding their in house Digitally Projected Image competition the subject being 'two open images'. They will also be judged on their Portfolio images (a panel of three images covering a subject of their choice) the judge for the evening being Mr Peter Hyett.

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

**COLYTON:** Planning meeting for Colyton's Historical Re-enactment Event - English Civil War coming to you on Saturday, June 10th. Find out how you can take part in this exciting community event. All welcome 7.30pm at Colcombe Castle, Colyton. Organised by Promote Colyton Group. Further Info 01297 552626

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 10.30am to 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**TATWORTH:** Film: 'Bridget Jones' Baby' at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

**SHELDON:** The brilliant double-act 'Opera Dudes' will be bringing their show "Licenced To Trill" to Sheldon Village Hall for Villages in Action, providing an evening of fabulous entertainment. No ordinary operatic duo, the two tenors rip up the rule book with an act ranging from classical Verdi through show songs and rock to 'Carry On' fun. Tickets for this show are available now from John Carr on 01404 841367. Prices – Adult £10 Child £5. Doors open 7 pm. Licensed Bar

**SOUTH PERROTT:** Family bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 6.30pm. For more details call 01935 891224.

**CREWKERNE:** Special Lunch at Henhayes Centre. Roast Chicken. 12noon for 12.30pm. £8.00

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**

**SEATON:** Seaton Lions table top sale at Seaton Methodist Church, doors 8am, sale 9.15am-1pm. Donation entry. Ample free parking. Tea/coffee. For more details call 01297 624313.

**WHITELACKINGTON:** Table Top Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall, 10am - 1pm. Free entry. A variety of new and used items.

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH**

**WINSHAM:** Winsham Art Club meeting. Lisa Neill, 'A Bowl Of Flowers', watercolour paint/acrylic paint. Meetings every Monday 2-4pm at the Jubilee Hall, Church Street. Coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Awareness February Meeting. Guest Speaker: Teagan Craig on 'Understanding The Runes'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm - 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

**SMEATHARPE:** Monthly Whist Drive at at Smeatharpe Hall. 7.30pm. Good prizes, raffle. In aid of hall roof funds. More info call 01823 601296

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non- members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST**

**AXMINSTER:** Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk. 11.00am-12.30pm.

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Laura Marling

# Laura Marling's Semper Femina album tour heads to Exeter

FOLK singer-songwriter Laura Marling has announced full details of her sixth album, plus a UK tour including a date in Exeter this March.

*Semper Femina* is released March 10th 2017 on Laura's own label More Alarming Records via Kobalt Music Recordings. It was recorded in LA in late 2015, and produced alongside US musician/producer Blake Mills (Alabama Shakes, Jim James).

Laura Marling will perform live at The Lemon Grove, Exeter on Saturday, March 25th. Tickets are on sale now at https://live.lauramarling.com/#tour

# Taking Betts on a funky February

FEBRUARY in Ilminster just got a little bit funkier, with the news that the Dave Betts Quartet will be playing Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday 24th.

The Dave Betts Quartet is a Bristol-based outfit led by drummer/percussionist Dave Betts, whose compositions span the worlds of Jazz, Latin and Funk.

The band's super talented line-up also features Kevin Figes on alto saxophone, Anders Olinder on piano and Clive Radford on guitar. These guys play modern jazz with a Latin flavour and a distinctly contemporary feel – this is music with serious groove!

One of Britain's leading percussion artists, Dave formed the Dave Betts quintet in 2000 and just two years later played a residency at Ronnie Scott's jazz club in London, attracting considerable attention from jazz critics.

Dave has worked with a wide variety of musicians from Peter Gabriel to jazz pianist Jason Rebello and with acclaimed composers such as David Fanshawe (African Sanctus). His unique playing style enables him to play several percussion instruments at once, and his live performances are full of energy, infectious grooves and multiple layers of Latin rhythm – not to be missed!

Advance booking recommended, please call the Box Office on 01460 54973 to ensure your ticket!

The Dave Betts Quartet play at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, February 24th at 8pm. Tickets are £14 (pre-show supper £14 at 7pm, booked in advance) available by calling 01460 55783 or www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

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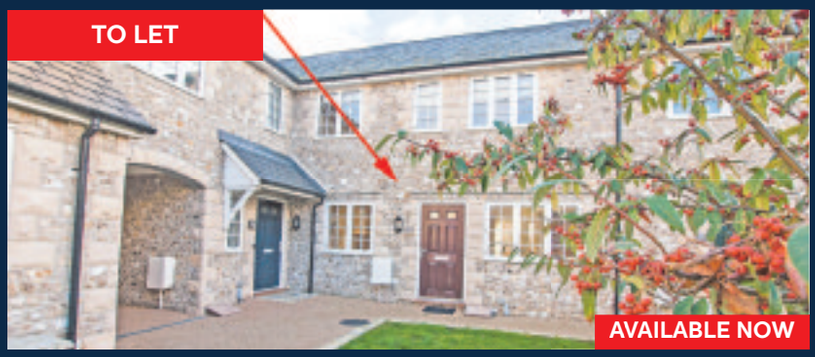

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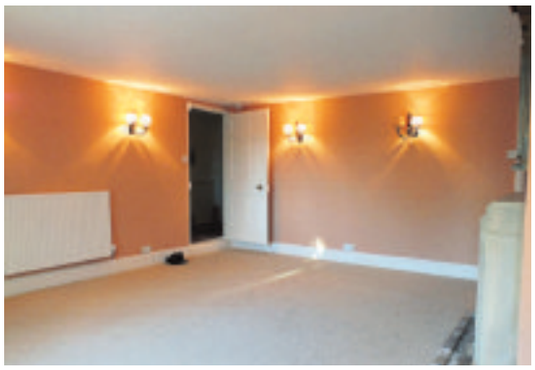

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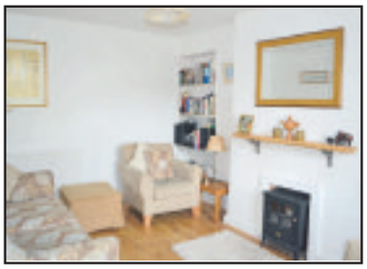

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Like with the Astra and the forthcoming Insignia Grand Sport, efficiency was key for engineers. The new model is up to 200 kilograms lighter than its predecessor, thanks to the use of lightweight materials and efficient packaging. This weight loss allows for high-tech features such as the ultra-modern all-wheel-drive system with torque vectoring and the new eight-speed automatic transmission to exploit their strengths to the full.

There is a raft of top technologies that make driving the Insignia Sports Tourer safer, more relaxing and more comfortable than before. Next generation IntelliLux LED matrix lighting, Lane Keep Assist, Head-up Display and unique AGR-certified premium seats, front- and rear-seat heating and a heated windscreen are just some examples.

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# Sport - East Devon round-up

*with Howard Larcombe*
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**football** the local round-up

# Hawks pay the penalty in cup upset

## Bushby inspires late Ottery fightback - Beer beaten, but no complaints - Tigers fail to be weather

### football tables

| SW Peninsula D1E (34) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Brixham AFC | 25 | 51 |
| Stoke Gabriel | 24 | 49 |
| Teignmouth | 24 | 48 |
| Torridgeside | 24 | 47 |
| Newton Abbot Spurs | 25 | 47 |
| AXMINSTER | 26 | 45 |
| Crediton Utd | 24 | 44 |
| Appledore | 22 | 43 |
| St Martins | 25 | 33 |
| Sidmouth Town | 24 | 33 |
| Bovey Tracey | 24 | 28 |
| Liverton Utd | 24 | 28 |
| Exeter University | 21 | 26 |
| Alphington | 24 | 25 |
| Galmpton Utd | 24 | 18 |
| Totnes & Dartington | 24 | 17 |
| Budleigh Salterton | 19 | 15 |
| Exwick Villa | 23 | 13 |

| D&E Premier (28) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Newtown | 18 | 48 |
| Honiton Town | 17 | 48 |
| Elmore | 16 | 36 |
| Heavitree Utd | 14 | 29 |
| Okehampton Argyle | 18 | 29 |
| Topsham Town | 16 | 24 |
| Exmouth Amateurs | 18 | 24 |
| Seaton Town | 17 | 22 |
| Feniton | 16 | 21 |
| Clyst Valley | 18 | 21 |
| Beer Albion | 15 | 18 |
| Upottery | 20 | 18 |
| Hatherleigh Town | 20 | 13 |
| Newton St Cyres | 18 | 13 |
| Bow AAC | 17 | 4 |

| D&E Div 1 (20) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Cronies FC | 15 | 41 |
| Sidmouth Town Res | 13 | 24 |
| Exeter University Res | 14 | 23 |
| Colyton | 13 | 23 |
| Lyme Regis | 12 | 20 |
| Exmouth Town Res | 13 | 20 |
| Witheridge Reserves | 11 | 18 |
| Alphington Reserves | 14 | 13 |
| Willand Rovers Res | 17 | 11 |
| Wellington Reserves | 13 | 9 |
| Bickleigh | 15 | 6 |

| D&E Div 2 (26) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Cullompton Rang Res | 17 | 40 |
| Lapford | 16 | 39 |
| Axmouth Utd | 18 | 31 |
| University 3rds | 14 | 26 |
| Dawlish Utd | 17 | 26 |
| Heavitree Utd Res | 13 | 25 |
| Woodbury | 16 | 23 |
| Chagford | 14 | 20 |
| Dawlish Town | 16 | 19 |
| Tipton St John | 16 | 18 |
| Newtown Reserves | 17 | 17 |
| Halwill | 16 | 15 |
| Budleigh Salt Res | 20 | 14 |
| Lympstone | 16 | 13 |

| D&E Div 3 (20) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| PERRY STREET | 13 | 32 |
| Bampton | 15 | 32 |
| Exeter Univ 4ths | 13 | 30 |
| Axminster Town Res | 15 | 29 |
| Honiton Town Res | 16 | 29 |
| East Budleigh | 20 | 29 |
| Tedburn St Mary | 18 | 23 |
| Newton Poppleford | 15 | 21 |
| Clyst Valley Reserves | 16 | 15 |
| Exmouth Amat Res | 17 | 11 |
| Culm Utd | 18 | 4 |

| D&E Div 4 (24) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Thorverton | 14 | 40 |
| Kentisbeare | 14 | 40 |
| Uplowman Athletic | 18 | 38 |
| Ottery St Mary | 20 | 30 |
| Exeter Univ 5ths | 16 | 25 |
| Sandford | 18 | 24 |
| Countess Wear Dyn | 15 | 21 |
| Otterton | 16 | 20 |
| Priory | 15 | 17 |
| Pinhoe | 17 | 17 |
| Morchard Bishop | 18 | 15* |
| St Martins Reserves | 16 | 11 |
| Sampford Peverell | 17 | 7 |

| D&E Div 5 (24) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Royal Oak | 16 | 46 |
| Crediton Utd Res | 15 | 40 |
| Winchester | 15 | 31 |
| Whipton & Pinhoe | 15 | 28 |
| Millwey Rise | 17 | 28 |
| South Zeal Utd | 18 | 22 |
| Starcross Generals | 18 | 19 |
| Feniton Reserves | 16 | 19 |
| North Tawton | 15 | 17 |
| Newton St Cyres | 17 | 16 |
| Beer Albion Reserves | 14 | 13 |
| Alphington 3rds | 17 | 11 |
| Awliscombe Utd | 15 | 7 |

**SW Peninsula League Division One (E)**
**AXMINSTER TOWN P-P EXWICK VILLA**

AXMINSTER Town's scheduled visit by lowly Exwick Villa was postponed with the Tiger way Ground waterlogged.

Ax are due to visit Galmpton United on Saturday (3pm ko).

**Macron Devon & Exeter League Match report**
**BEER ALBION 0 ELMORE 2**
*Premier Division*

BEER suffered only their second defeat in nine matches when, despite putting up a brave defensive display, they were outplayed and went down 2-0 to third placed Elmore at The Furzebrake *writes Richard Honnor.*

It might have been different if Beer striker Chris Long had made the most of an opportunity after just 30 seconds. He latched on to a through pass but the Elmore keeper got a touch on the ball as Long tried to go round him. That was the only time in the whole game when Beer troubled the away keeper.

Elmore took complete control of the game thereafter. Their midfield was much quicker and launched attack after attack on the Beer goal.

The Fishermen's defence, with centre backs Andrew Foster and Joe Adkin outstanding and well supported by full backs Jack Prior and Josh Moughton, withstood the onslaught but with their midfield being overrun and missing injured striker Richard Walker, they had no one capable of holding the ball up to give their overworked defence some respite.

Beer were still on level terms at half time thanks to the efforts of keeper Mark Rooke who was in fine form. He thwarted the Eagles' talented Brad Newbury on three occasions with great saves after the winger looked certain to score.

To compound his misery, Newbury also spurned two more good chances in the first half, first spooning his shot over the bar from eight yards and then hitting the side netting from a similar distance.

The pattern of the second half mirrored the first with Rooke again denying Newbury from point-blank range a minute after the interval and then again from Elmore's centre forward on 59 minutes.

But the hosts resistance was eventually broken in the 61st minute when Rooke was beaten by a dipping 18-yard left footer from the Elmore centre forward.

Two minutes later it was 2-0 for the visitors when the Fishermen failed several times to clear their lines from a corner and finally the ball ricocheted in off an Elmore player into the goal.

Beer can take huge credit for a brave defensive performance but were simply beaten by the better side on the day. Man-of-the-match was awarded to Rooke.

Beer Reserves are at home next Saturday against Winchester in a match sponsored by *Jean Bartlett Holiday Cottages.*

**D&E Round-up** *with Collin Goodwin*

UP IN the Premier OKEHAMPTON ARGYLE won 5-1 at CLYST VALLEY where they were 4-1 ahead at the break. Chris Clow was the Valley scorer but their defence was too brittle to contain the Okes who were a lot sharper. Luke Alen netted twice and singles came from Steve Kinsey, Tallan Burns and Luke Mortimer.

BICKLEIGH have had a long wait for their first win of the season but the Division One side were finally celebrating after coming from two goals down to beat WILLAND ROVERS 4-2.

The Buzzards are still grounded in last place, but they at last have something to smile about as they hit back from Sam Kemp (2), Jordan Copp and an own goal. Earlier Josh Dryhurst and Jordan Ewing gave Rovers their lead, but the Silver Street side were unable to hold on.

CHAGFORD won 3-1 at BUDLEIGH SALTERTON in the only Division Two match to beat the weather.

EAST BUDLEIGH were hoping to end their season in Division Three on a high but were beaten 4-0 by PERRY STREET.

Tom Perry netted a hat-trick - his second in a week and Jamie Brown had the other with three goals coming in the last 15 minutes of a cracking game.

Despite having no league games left, East Budleigh can at least sit back re-assured that they have enough points not be relegated, but they have a long wait as they pay the price for having an almost a weather-proof ground.

Three matches survived the elements in Division Four, but the most significant result was at OTTERY ST MARY where they scored twice in the last five minutes to shatter second place UPLOWMAN ATHLETIC 3-2. Jake Allen, Tom Collins and man of the match Tom Bushby were the Otters scorers, with Richard Harris and Paul Orchard twice putting Uplowman ahead.

OTTERTON also sprang a surprise as they beat the UNIVERSITY 2-0, while KENTISBEARE pressed home their title challenge in an excellent 3-1 win against PINHOE.

The only gme in Division Seven saw title-chasing CRANBROOK held to a 3-3 draw by bottom of the table HT DONS.

Division Eight was also totally wiped out but Division Nine produced a gem of a match at CHAGFORD where FENITON were a touch unlucky to lose 3-2. Lewis Hilton and Jamie Cobbledick for Feniton.

Moormen's secretary John Pearce said there was not a dirty tackle or voice raised in anger in a most sporting match.

**RESULTS**
MACRON DEVON & EXETER
PREMIER
Beer Albion 0, Elmore 2.
Clyst Valley 1, Okehampton 5.
DIVISION ONE
Willand Rovers 2, Bickleigh 4.
DIVISION TWO
Budleigh Salterton 1, Chagford 3.
DIVISION THREE
East Budleigh 0, Perry Street 4.
DIVISION FOUR
Kentisbeare 3, Pinhoe 1.
Otterton 2, University 0.
Ottery St Mary 3, Uplowman Ath 2.
DIVISION SEVEN
Cranbrook 3, HT Dons 3.
DIVISION NINE
Chagford 3, Feniton 2.
*All other matches postponed*

**FIXTURES (3pm ko)**
**Saturday, February 11th**
PREMIER
Exmouth Amateurs v Beer Albion
Feniton v Newton St Cyres
Hatherleigh Town v Bow AAC
Honiton Town v Upottery
Seaton Town v Heavitree United
Topsham Town v Okehampton Argyle
DIVISION 1
Bickleigh v Exmouth Amateurs
Lyme Regis v Colyton
Wellington Town v Willand Rovers
DIVISION 2
Chagford v Axmouth United
Cullompton Rangers v Budleigh Salterton
Heavitree United v Tipton St John
Lapford v Dawlish
Lympstone v Dawlish United
University v Newtown
Woodbury v Halwill
DIVISION 3
Axminster Town v Bampton
Newton Poppleford v University
Perry Street v Exmouth Amateurs
DIVISION 4
Kentisbeare v Sampford Peverell
Morchard Bishop v Thorverton
Pinhoe v Countess Wear Dynamoes
Priory v Otterton
St Martins v Ottery St Mary
Uplowman Athletic v University
DIVISION 5
Awliscombe United v South Zeal

■ **BLOCKED: Hawkchurch United Captain Gavin Herrod is kept out by a combination of Misterton Reserves' keeper Liam Sparks and defender in Saturday's exciting Daisy Hutchings Cup quarter-final.** ***Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

Beer Albion v Winchester
Millwey Rise v Newton St Cyres
North Tawton v Feniton
Whipton & Pinhoe v Starcross Generals
DIVISION 6
Central v Offwell Rangers
Dunkeswell Rovers v Tivvy Park Rangers
Elmore v Hatherleigh Town
Exwick Village v Winkleigh
Halwill v Lyme Regis
Silverton v Stoke Hill
DIVISION 7
Colyton v Cheriton Fitzpaine
H T Dons v Woodbury
Ilminster Town v Bickleigh
Wellington Town v Cranbrook
DIVISION 8
Amory Green Rovers v Lapford
Axminster Town v Bampton
Sandford v Queens Head
Upottery v Seven Stars Kennford
DIVISION 9
East Budleigh v St Martins
Tedburn St Mary v Chagford
DEVON PREMIER CUP - QF
Crediton United v Braunton
Newtown v East Allington United
The Windmill v Stoke Gabriel
University of Exeter v Elmore
FIREWATCH DEVON SENIOR CUP QF
Alphington v Roselands
Ilfracombe Town v University of Exeter
Lakeside Athletic v Witheridge
Northam Lions v Cronies FC
DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP QF
Bishopsteignton United v Torbay Police
Chaddlewood Inn v Crediton United
Haxton Rangers v Hemyock
Royal Oak v Ashburton
GEARY CUP QTR FINAL
Bravehearts v Sidmouth Town

**PERRY STREET LEAGUE**
**DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP QF**
**HAWKCHURCH UTD 3 MISTERTON RES 3**
*(Misterton won 4-2 on pens)*

THERE was a cup shock at Hawkchurch where Division Three leaders Misterton Reserves reached the last four after knocking out their Division One promotion-chasing hosts after a dramatic penalty shoot-out victory.

The Hawks trotted out for their first home match in two months without midfield player maker Dan Richards but still confident against a Missy side who looks dead certs to be playing Division two football next season.

The hosts took the lead in the sixth minute when visiting keeper Liam Sparks brought down striker James Melville and Jack Larcombe stepped up to tuck away the resulting penalty.

Melville should have made it 2-0 soon after when an offside flag was waved away but his shot clipped an upright.

The visitors came into the game after the half hour and Callum Preston had a shot well saved by Hawks' keeper James Mitcham.

But the home gloveman could do nothing as Stuart Weston cut in from the left before calmly side footing into the corner three minutes before half time.

And the hosts were caught cold again soon after the interval when top-scorer Preston fired low just inside the post. But the Misterton lead was wiped out five minutes later when Melville sprinted onto a through ball and slotted home his 32nd goal of the season to make it 2-2.

The chances began to come thick and fast; Preston volleyed against the Hawkchurch post and a fierce shot from left back Ash Dodge was spilled by Mitcham and appeared to be spinning over the goal line, but the keeper recovered.

At the other end an unmarked Gavin Herrod got on the end of a Larcombe cross but couldn't keeper his header under the crossbar.

Then Melville's pace again took him clear but he delayed pulling the trigger and was blocked out.

The striker went close again in the 83rd minute with a drive that beat Sparks but cannoned back off the crossbar.

A minute later it was Misterton's turn to test the woodwork with the impressive Kieran Bailey clipping an angled shot that grazed the crossbar.

The Hawks thought they had finally seen off the Missy challenge two minutes from time when they won a free kick 22 yards out and Josh Short stepped up to unleash a shot that flashed past the flailing arms of Sparks.

However, Misterton showed all of the battling qualities to respond and equalise a minute later when Preston had a goal bound shot blocked by a team mate and then crashed the follow up against the underside of the bar.

But the striker made it third time lucky, and force extra time, when he slotted the ball home for his 32nd goal of the season.

After the restart Hawkchurch appeared favourites once again when referee Richard White showed a straight red card to Misterton substitute Phil Lee for a dangerous tackle on Ollie Pearse.

A man to the good and with legs tiring on the surprisingly good surface, it appeared as though Martin Bright's side would surely go on to book a semi-final berth. Melville went close three times in the final 10 minutes with the last effort a twisting header striking the overworked crossbar in the final seconds.

So the players lined-up for the spot kick lottery. Louis Roper, Preston, Bailey and Dodge all made no mistake for Misterton.

Larcombe and Melville netted for the Hawks but Short struck the foot of the post and Herrod's effort was saved by Sparks to clinch Misterton's victory.

### football tables

| D&E Div 6 (24) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Exwick Village | 16 | 38 |
| Winkleigh | 13 | 36 |
| Hemyock | 14 | 28 |
| Offwell Rangers | 15 | 28 |
| Lyme Regis Reserves | 12 | 24 |
| Halwill Reserves | 17 | 24 |
| Central FC | 12 | 23 |
| Tivvy Park Rangers | 14 | 17 |
| Dunkeswell Rovers | 16 | 15 |
| Elmore Reserves | 12 | 13 |
| Stoke Hill | 14 | 11 |
| Silverton | 16 | 5 |
| Hatherleigh Reserves | 15 | 5 |

| D&E Div 7 (22) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Wellington 3rds | 19 | 48 |
| Ilminster Town Res | 17 | 43 |
| Cranbrook | 18 | 42 |
| Sidmouth Town 3rds | 16 | 33 |
| Exmouth Spartans | 17 | 31 |
| K&M Polonia Exeter | 18 | 24 |
| Woodbury Reserves | 17 | 16 |
| Cheriton Fitzpaine | 17 | 15 |
| Seaton Town Res | 14 | 14 |
| Bickleigh Reserves | 14 | 11 |
| Colyton Reserves | 15 | 7 |
| HT Dons | 18 | 4 |

| D&E Div 8 (22) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Upottery Reserves | 14 | 37 |
| Axminster Town 3rds | 18 | 35* |
| Bravehearts | 14 | 32 |
| Lapford Reserves | 16 | 28 |
| Queen's Head | 17 | 28 |
| Kentisbeare Reserves | 16 | 27 |
| Newton Popp'd Res | 18 | 26 |
| Bampton Reserves | 15 | 18 |
| Amory Green Rovers | 17 | 16 |
| Seven Stars Kennford | 17 | 13 |
| Bradninch | 19 | 12 |
| Sandford Reserves | 15 | 5 |

| D&E Div 9 (18) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| St Martins 3rds | 16 | 37 |
| Witheridge 3rds | 17 | 32 |
| Chagford Reserves | 16 | 31 |
| Honiton Town 3rds | 16 | 25 |
| Millwey Rise Res | 13 | 24 |
| East Budleigh Res | 15 | 22 |
| Central FC Reserves | 16 | 15 |
| Tedburn St Mary Res | 14 | 14 |
| Amory Green Res | 15 | 13 |
| Feniton 3rds | 16 | 7 |

| Perry Street Prem (20) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Beaminster | 14 | 34 |
| Barrington | 12 | 30 |
| South Petherton | 12 | 27 |
| Shepton Beauchamp | 12 | 26 |
| Winsham Utd | 13 | 25 |
| Misterton | 11 | 17 |
| Chard Utd | 10 | 11 |
| W & M Chinnock | 12 | 9 |
| Netherbury | 12 | 9 |
| Combe Reserves | 11 | 2* |
| Drimpton | 13 | 0 |

| Perry St Div 1 (18) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Pymore | 9 | 20 |
| Waytown Hounds | 10 | 19 |
| Merriott Rovers | 9 | 18 |
| Forton Rangers | 10 | 17 |
| Uplyme | 10 | 14 |
| Hawkchurch Utd | 6 | 13 |
| Shepton Beau Res | 9 | 11* |
| Ilminster Town Colts | 9 | 10 |
| Combe A | 9 | 7 |
| South Petherton Res | 11 | 1 |

| Perry St Div 2 (18) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Chard Rangers | 10 | 27 |
| Charmouth | 13 | 23 |
| Winsham Utd Res | 11 | 22 |
| Halstock | 8 | 21 |
| Farway Utd | 11 | 21 |
| Thorncombe | 12 | 12 |
| Dowlish & Donyatt | 11 | 12 |
| Crewkerne Rangers | 8 | 6 |
| Kingsbury Episcopi | 12 | 6 |
| Chard Utd Reserves | 10 | 3 |

| Perry St Div 3 (24) | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Misterton Reserves | 11 | 29 |
| Forton Rangers Res | 10 | 24 |
| Uplyme Reserves | 11 | 24 |
| Crewk Rangers Res | 12 | 22 |
| Thorncombe Res | 13 | 19 |
| Merriott Dynamos | 11 | 17 |
| Ilminster Town A | 14 | 17 |
| Lyme Regis Rovers | 12 | 13* |
| Fivehead | 9 | 12 |
| Chard Rangers Res | 14 | 11 |
| Farway Utd Res | 12 | 8 |
| Chard Utd All Stars | 9 | 2* |

## tee off golf news

# Medal win for Alan

**AXE CLIFF** *with Peter Motson*

THE Men's section played their Winter League Six, format Medal with Alan Kenworthy taking first place with a net 70.

In second (on back 9) was Paul Curtin with a net 72 and Stuart Mackie was third also with a net 72. Kenworthy carded the only two.

The Ladies played the initial qualifying round for the AUSTRALIAN SPOONS, a stableford foursomes tournament for handicaps of 15 and over.

Janet Dack & Margaret Kenchington finished first on countback from Helen Gaudie & Anne Jarvis while Barbara Cummings & Jo Donmall finished third.

The Ladies can enter throughout the qualifying period and the pair returning the best score at the closing date are eligible for the regional final at Long Sutton Golf Club in July.

**CRICKET ST THOMAS**
*with Bert Robinson*

ADVERSE weather conditions forced the postponement of the fifth round of the Winter League competition.

However, 24 Seniors braved the fog and the rain and playedan impromptu three-man Bowmaker on temporary greens.

Result: 1st Frank Martin; Bill Hilson & Keith Branchflower 88 points, 2nd Andy Beale; David Walgrove & Gordon Bareham 85, 3rd Mike Hone; Maurice Arnold & Nobby Hodder 85.

The wet conditions continued into Wednesday, but 30 Seniors entered a three man 'Hassle' over the 15 holes that were open.

Result; 1st Nick Hill; Chris Gingell & Bob White 45.4, 2nd Roger Stone; Trevor Dobson & Dick Hall 46.8, 3rd Alan Davis; Chris Hiam & Nick Gabb 46.9

The weather beat the golfers on Friday and no games were played.

# Axe Valley runners out in force

THE annual Four Trigs run hosted by Sidmouth running club on Sunday, and resulted in a good day out for seven AVR runners.

Winner of the race was AVR's Patrick Devine-Wright in 2:19 who was pleased to be five minutes faster than two years ago when he also won. Clare Hansford finished first lady 13th overall in a super-fast time of 3:02.

Fourth home was Tim Lenton in 2: 29 and fourth home for the girls, in 37th place, were Karen Ayre and Eleanor Wood in 3:29, running together and putting in some good training for the Grizzly.

Steve Haines and Chris Hill were also running as a pair and were delighted with their time of 4:01 and 4:02 respectively in 69th and 70th places and would have broken the four-hour mark if Chris had not run slightly off piste.

Killerton Parkrun survived the wet weather and 204 runners made it to the start line at the National Trust run estate. Patrick Devine-Wright finished 6th in 19:25 and Matt Hewer followed taking 19:48.

David Cook ran in the South West Veterans' 6k run at Sidford and finished 35th in 33:43.

Kelly Stamp ran the Blackmore Vale half marathon at Sherborne and, in her first attempt at the 13.1 mile distance, was pleased to finish in 1:48, 186th out of 369.

Ragnhild Richards completed the Tough Ten (miles) in 1:29:28 finishing 1st over 55 in her debut run for AVR.

On her 55th birthday, Carol Austin ran the Fulfords 5 in Exmouth finishing 2nd W55 and 113th overall in 38:36. The largely flat road run led to some very fast times with 239 finishers.

Anders Larsson and Pippa Wyatt ran in the Portland Half marathon which goes around the whole of Portland on the costal path starting and finishing at the sailing academy.

■ GOOD DEBUT: Kelly Stamp

Pippa finished 10th lady, 58th overall in 2:18:49 and Anders was 103rd, 2:41:48.

## hockey chard

# 2nd team's fine run continues

**Chard A 3 East Devon C 0**

THIS was a valuable win against an East Devon side boasting a youthful forward line which carried plenty of attacking threat, giving Chard 10 points from a possible 12 in the past four matches.

In the early stages, Chard came off second best in many of the 50/50 situations and were unable to stamp their authority on the game.

The first goal seemed likely to have particular significance for pattern of the rest of the match and, on 20 minutes, Harvey Dening, having just forced a fine double save from the visiting keeper, squeezed the ball in from close range after an initial shot from Jason Goddard was charged down.

The lead was doubled five minutes before half time when Kyle Wheaton collected a sideline hit turned across the top of the D and made room for a powerful shot from 15 yards.

Within the first few minutes of the second half the lead was three as Chris Knight struck a sweet shot from the top of the D for his first goal for the club in over 10 years.

***Chard:*** *R Green, N Liggins, A Critchley, T Eames, S Mahoney, C Knight, J Spurdle (Capt), J Goddard, J Green, K Wheaton, H Dening, T King, M Wheaton.*

*Umpires: Andy Swain and Alan Cheffey.*

## netball honiton league

# Trees and Toucans all square in table top tie

SIGNS South West were unable to fulfil a fixture for the third time and forfeited to Sidmouth Toucan Chicks by 10-0 and were deducted three points.

The game between Otters and Howden Hawks resulted in a comfortable 39-14 win for Otters.

With Denise Meyers in good shooting form the Otters were too strong despite good work by Lauren Hunt.

In Division Two Blackdown moved to within a point of the top two thanks to a 26-12 victory over Otter Valley.

The first two quarters were close with Sarah Broom playing well for the Valley and Lucy Bekinska starring for Blackdown but going into the final period it was 23-12 to Blackdown.

But worsening weather conditions forced an abandonment at 26-12. The result stands as the game had passed the mid point.

Meanwhile, Sidmouth Toucans led Tip Top Trees. 10-9 at half way. With Meg Goodhall doing well for 3Ts they moved 17-15 up in the third period before Anna Rowson inspired a Toucans fight back that produced a 24-24 draw.

| Division One | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Flamingos | 10 | 240 | 28 |
| Hi Q | 10 | 215 | 28 |
| Sidmouth TC | 10 | 132 | 24 |
| Otters | 10 | 47 | 21 |
| HNC Hot Shots | 10 | -48 | 20 |
| F & P Panthers | 10 | -69 | 15 |
| Howden Hawks | 10 | -320 | 2 |
| Signs SW | 10 | -197 | -5* |

| Division Two | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sidmth Toucans | 11 | 107 | 30 |
| Tip Top Trees | 11 | 54 | 30 |
| Blackdown | 11 | 111 | 29 |
| Otter Valley | 11 | 40 | 20 |
| JD Tyres | 11 | 39 | 18 |
| Beer Blazers | 11 | -70 | 14 |
| Pixies | 11 | -118 | 12 |
| Swaggermamas | 11 | -163 | 11 |

## on the fronter around the local skittles leagues

### Colyton

**Div 1**; New Inn A 351 (D Jones 68) Lamb B 350 (B Dicks 70); Lamb A 333 (B Moore 60) Cloakham B 354 (B Pring 73); Seaton FC A 366 (M Searle 66) Red Lion Cavaliers 354 (W Phillips 75); Red Lion A 379 (A Beer 72) Colcombe A 374 (R Parsons 73); Gerrard A 353 (T Underdown 60) Colyton Club A 370 (S Berry 75); Vine B 356 (W Pratt 69) Tuckers Arms B 333 (D Coombes 64); Honiton Con D 398 (D Wakley 77) Axminster Con A 388 (J Trivett 72);

**Div 2**; Colcombe Beerboys 361 (N Hales 71) Tuckers A 400 (J Bird 82); Offwell A 397 (I Bell 82) Dolphin Vikings 355 (S Morris 68); Volunteer A 339 (S Charlton 68) Honiton WMC A 300 (S Pye 55); Honiton Converts 453 (D Lapping 100) Vine A 386 (C Every 76); Sidbury Stones 338 (P Barham 70) Eagle Tavern 322 (C Hutchings 57); Kings Arms Beers 340 (J Somers 60) Gerrard B 363 (D Tucker 77); Ship C 362 (B Webber 65) Wheelwright A 354 (P Hammett, G Pinnack 62);

**Div 3;** Cloakham Wanderers 343 (C Coulson 67) Volunteer B 332 (S Holdsworth 58); Red Lion Sidbury 337 (T Pares 61) Sidbury Village Inn 341 (J Smith 62); Wilmington Harts 378 (J Woollacott 73) Kingfisher A 401 (A Bishop 82); Colcombe B 449 (M Bleaken 87) Three Tuns BTP 454 (A Dean, I Wilson 86); Mountbatten Whites 345 (T Revell, E Bonetta 63) White Hart B 333 (S Robinson 58); Vine Nomads w/o v Ship A;

**Div 4**; Axminster Inn A 340 (A Palmer 59) New Inn B 305 (S Davey 61); Honiton WMC B 325 (G Hart 63) Kings Arms A 339 (P Hodge 63); Tuckers Arms C 338 (R Burrough 60) Honiton ConArtists 344 (D Jones 62); Winstons A 372 (A Jarman 78) Heathfield A 345 (J Willis 71); Rising Sun B 334 (K White 62) Seaton FC B 335 (Liz Furber 62);

**Div 5**; Sidmouth Arms Kings 315 (S Fuller 63) Winstons KOOTS 311 (R Woolland 65); Tuckers Arms D 332 (D Bennett 64) Colcombe Nomads 342 (M Facey 63); Dolphin B 352 (Abbie Gribble 63) Offwell B 347 (L Stubbs, M Riggs 60); Heathfield B 364 (Marion Fletcher 68) Honiton Con Raiders 360 (S Eveliegh 74); Colyton Club B 386 (M Berry 75) Seaton Bowling 322 (L Hurley-Smith 65).

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Red Lion Cavs | 17 | 26 |
| Axe Con A | 17 | 25 |
| New Inn A | 17 | 24 |
| Vine B | 17 | 22 |
| Colyton Club A | 17 | 19 |
| Gerrard A | 17 | 19 |
| Tuckers Arms B | 17 | 19 |
| Honiton Con D | 17 | 18 |
| Lamb B | 17 | 16 |
| Seaton AFC A | 17 | 16 |
| Red Lion A | 17 | 12 |
| Colcombe A | 17 | 10 |
| Cloakham B | 17 | 6 |
| Lamb A | 17 | 6 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Offwell A | 17 | 24 |
| Volunteer A | 17 | 23 |
| Vine A | 17 | 22 |
| Sidbury SC Stones | 16 | 20 |
| Ship C | 17 | 19 |
| Dolphin Vikings | 17 | 18 |
| Gerrard B | 17 | 16 |
| Honiton Converts | 17 | 16 |
| Honiton WMC A | 17 | 15 |
| Wheelwright A | 16 | 14 |
| Eagle Tavern | 17 | 14 |
| Colcombe Beerboys | 17 | 13 |
| Kings Arms Beers | 17 | 11 |
| Tuckers Arms A | 17 | 10 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Wilmington Harts | 15 | 20 |
| Vine Nomads | 14 | 19 |
| Sidbury Village Inn | 15 | 19 |
| Cloakham Wanderers | 15 | 16 |
| Kingfisher A | 14 | 14 |
| Mountbatten Whites | 15 | 14 |
| Volunteer B | 15 | 14 |
| Red Lion Sidbury | 14 | 13 |
| Three Tuns BTP | 13 | 12 |
| White Hart B | 14 | 12 |
| Colcombe B | 15 | 12 |
| Ship A | 13 | 6 |

| Division Four | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Rising Sun A | 14 | 26 |
| Axe Inn A | 15 | 19 |
| Kings Arms A | 14 | 18 |
| Heathfield A | 15 | 16 |
| Honiton WMC B | 14 | 15 |
| Honiton Con A | 13 | 13 |
| Winstons | 15 | 13 |
| Honiton Con Artists | 15 | 12 |
| Seaton AFC B | 15 | 12 |
| New Inn B | 14 | 11 |
| Rising Sun B | 15 | 10 |
| Tuckers Arms C | 15 | 8 |

| Division Five | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Colcombe Nomads | 14 | 24 |
| Colyton Club B | 13 | 22 |
| Offwell Rejects | 15 | 20 |
| Sidmouth Arms Kings | 15 | 18 |
| Seaton Bowling | 14 | 16 |
| Dolphin B | 14 | 14 |
| Winstons Koots | 15 | 14 |
| White Hart A | 14 | 12 |
| Kingfisher B | 13 | 10 |
| Heathfield B | 14 | 8 |
| Honiton Con Raiders | 15 | 6 |
| Tuckers Arms D | 14 | 4 |

### Axminster

**Div 1**; Tuckers C 376 (N Ball 80) Ax Con Rebels 384 (M Summers 72), Thorncombe Drifters 359 (C Wyatt 70) Kingfisher Feds 348 (J Chaplyn 65), Old Kilm A 364 (A Cross 69) Gerrard D 363 (W Mudd 66), Green Army 340 (D Kelland 68) Thorncombe B 316 (A Farley 57), Lamb Spartans 327 (G Hayball 59) Red Devils 322 (R Summers 62), Red Lion D 395 (T Herbert Snr 77) B&Gs 388 (D Board 72).

**Div 2**; Thorncombe A 368 (S Harding 71) Lamb A 360 (G Smith, D Jones 68), Gerrard A 354 (R Collier 73) New Inn C 353 (R Webb 71), Ax Inn Jokers 351 (A Churchill 77) Thorncombe C 330 (R Taylor 60), New Inn A 331 (T Cook 62) Tuckers Maggots 337 (D Godwin 69), WH Wilm A 408 (P Jeffery 78) Wootton Sherberts 383 (A Churchill 79), Red Lion C 381 (P Humphry 71) Colcombe A 368 (F Batten 67), WH Warriors 334 (R Upright 62) Cloakham Stars 314 (J Crabbe 64).

**Div 3**; Ax Inn B 361 (A Beer 70) Ax Inn A 343 (S Fifer 67), Ax Con Club A 320 (G Thomas, A Thomas, P Banner 55) Gerrard B 304 (C Trivett, R Satterley 55), Kings Arms Seaton 356 (J Mcabe 65) Ax FC H/Cs 321 **(J Lucas 61).**

**Div 4**; New Inn Hawks 347 (D Lucas 67) Seaton BC 306 (G Thomas 63), Tuckers Y 377 (L Burrough 69) Bev's Boys 344 (M Jones 65), Ship Rotary 343 (M Mellor 60) Kingfisher A 352 (G Bean 65), Lamb Shanks 305 (T Deem 60) Bottle Inn 258 (P Wallis 52), Winstons 365 WH Colyford 336, Colcombe Nomads 365 (M Joslin 65) Lamb 49rs 381 (J Elisp 75).

**Men's Ellis Shield**
**3rd round fixtures**
*(Tuesday, February 14th)*

Thorncombe C v B&Gs, Red Lion D v Wootton Cowboys, Sherberts v Green Army, Sidmouth Arms v Red Lion C, Thorncombe Drifters v Kings Arms Seaton Colcombe A v Ax Con Rebels, Ax Inn Jokers v Old Kilm A, Tuckers C v Red Devils.

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Ax Con Club Rebels | 17 | 28 |
| Lamb Spartans | 17 | 24 |
| B & Gs | 17 | 24 |
| Thorncombe B | 17 | 20 |
| Wooton Cowboys | 16 | 18 |
| Red Lion Red Devils | 17 | 18 |
| Tuckers C | 17 | 18 |
| Sidmouth Arms | 16 | 16 |
| Green Army | 17 | 14 |
| The Feds (Kingfisher) | 17 | 12 |
| Thorncombe Drifters | 17 | 12 |
| Old Inn Kilmington A | 17 | 12 |
| Red Lion D | 17 | 12 |
| Gerrard D | 17 | 8 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Thorncombe A | 17 | 26 |
| Thorncombe C | 16 | 24 |
| Red Lion C | 17 | 22 |
| Wooton Sherberts | 16 | 22 |
| Axe Inn Jokers | 17 | 22 |
| Tuckers Maggots | 17 | 18 |
| Colcombe A | 17 | 18 |
| New Inn Kilmington C | 17 | 16 |
| White Hart Warriors | 17 | 15 |
| Cloakham Stars | 17 | 12 |
| New Inn Kilmington A | 16 | 12 |
| White Hart Wilm A | 17 | 12 |
| Gerrard A | 17 | 10 |
| Lamb A | 17 | 7 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Axminster Inn B | 14 | 22 |
| Old Inn Kilmington B | 15 | 20 |
| Gerrard B | 16 | 20 |
| Axminster Inn A | 16 | 17 |
| Axminster Halfcuts | 16 | 16 |
| Axe Con Club A | 15 | 16 |
| Kings Arms Seaton A | 14 | 14 |
| Axminster FC IV | 14 | 14 |
| King Wingers | 14 | 14 |
| Axminster FC A | 15 | 14 |
| White Hart Wilm B | 13 | 10 |
| Axminster FC B | 15 | 8 |
| Colcombe B | 15 | 7 |

| Division Four | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Lamb 49s | 15 | 23 |
| Lamb Shanks | 16 | 20 |
| Seaton Bowling Club | 13 | 18 |
| New Inn Hawks | 15 | 18 |
| Colcombe Nomads | 15 | 18 |
| Winston Wobblers | 15 | 17 |
| Bev's Boys | 13 | 14 |
| Kingfisher A | 16 | 14 |
| Gerrard C | 14 | 12 |
| Ship Rotary | 15 | 12 |
| Tuckers Y | 15 | 10 |
| Bottle Inn | 15 | 8 |
| White Hart Colyford | 13 | 6 |

**Ladies Knock Out Cup Semi-Finals;** Thorncombe Newtops 318 (M Marks, W Burls 59) New Inn A 289 (J Bond 59), Colcombe A 341 (A Ogden 66) Cloakham A 321 (A Ellis, W Kiy 61).

**Ladies Salisbury Cup Semi-Finals**; Colcombe Angels 303 (S Gush 57) Colcombe B 328 (S Wilton 61) Seaton BC 287 (D Morley 53) B&Js Cloakham 271 (B Roberts 49).

*Finals to be played on Tuesday, March 14th on neutral alleys.*

### Crewkerne & District Divisional Cup R1

**Div 1;** Royal Oak 213 Rollers 209, King Willy Dogs 224 Super Sexy Six 258, Football Club 244 Lost Boys 244 (Lost Boys won play-off), Coachmen 251 Sports 92 193.

**Div 2;** Hillbillies 246 Ugly Ducklings 262, Muppets 267 Perrott Monkeys 264, Fryers 233 Raptors 225, Loud & Proud forfeited against Rugrats.

**Div 3;** Rotary 243 Admiral 6 269, Likely Lads 235 Willy Low Flyers 239, Kings Men 260 Sandbaggers 225, Royal Chokers 261 DBST 252.

### Ilminster & District Nomination Div 1; .

| Nomination Div One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Flying Turkeys | 8 | 86 |
| Royal Oak Faces | 8 | 73 |
| Crown Crusaders | 8 | 72 |
| Nomads | 8 | 50 |
| Ilton Choppers | 8 | 40 |
| Floaters | 8 | 36 |
| Ashill Boys | 8 | 35 |
| Wyndham Warriors | 8 | 29 |
| Hatch Eggs | 8 | 11 |

**Nomination Div 2**; .

| Nomination Div Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Cricketers | 7 | 67 |
| Hatch Beagles | 8 | 62 |
| Rockey's Rollers | 8 | 56 |
| Flying Turkeys All Stars | 7 | 56 |
| Bell A | 8 | 40 |
| Kings Head | 8 | 38 |
| Bell Broadway | 7 | 26 |
| Wyndham Clangers | 7 | 23 |
| Ashill Inn | 6 | 18 |

### East Devon Hunt

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Culm Vale | 16 | 24 |
| Marvels | 15 | 20 |
| Blacksmiths | 15 | 18 |
| Ur Arrs | 15 | 18 |
| Honiton Clyst | 16 | 18 |
| Talaton | 16 | 18 |
| Marsh Green | 17 | 18 |
| Foxenhole | 16 | 15 |
| Night Owls | 16 | 15 |
| Auctioneers | 16 | 14 |
| Stags | 16 | 14 |
| Sutton Wanderers | 16 | 14 |
| Upottery | 16 | 10 |
| Sidford | 16 | 6 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Jack's Lads | 14 | 24 |
| A Team | 15 | 22 |
| Latecomers | 14 | 20 |
| Keepers | 14 | 18 |
| Zulu Warriors | 15 | 17 |
| Cocks & Hens | 15 | 16 |
| Perkins Village | 14 | 15 |
| Breakaways | 15 | 14 |
| Top Cats | 15 | 12 |
| Awliscombe Shoot | 14 | 11 |
| Tuckers Arms | 14 | 10 |
| Brooksiders | 13 | 5 |
| Bakers 8 | 14 | 2 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| New Inn | 13 | 22 |
| Broadclyst | 14 | 18 |
| Goldtops | 15 | 17 |
| Yetties | 12 | 16 |
| Guys & Gals | 15 | 16 |
| Bashers | 10 | 15 |
| Axe Valley | 14 | 15 |
| Here for the Beer | 13 | 12 |
| Alley Cats | 15 | 12 |
| Yoyo's | 14 | 10 |
| Maynards | 11 | 8 |
| Cee Dee's | 16 | 8 |
| Earth Stoppers | 12 | 5 |

**Top Scores**; Bill Scholes (Tuckers Arms) 97, Derek Bradshaw (A Team) 93, Rick Camm-Keyte (Top Cats) 91.

## darts chard & district

| Premier Division | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| High 4 & a Half | 8 | 153 |
| Rejects Return | 8 | 148 |
| Wanderers | 7 | 107 |
| Crusaders | 8 | 104 |
| Hobnobs | 8 | 95 |
| BDBs | 7 | 91 |
| Happy Sharks | 7 | 65 |
| Hopefuls | 7 | 61 |

**Most 180s**; P.Lawrence & L.Cox both x5, S.Rutter & S. Mainwaring both x3, G.Knight, D. Cook & G.Hill all x2, 14 players x1.

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Okey Doaks | 9 | 114 |
| Pop Darts | 9 | 96 |
| Down's | 9 | 91 |
| Random Tossers | 8 | 88 |
| PAs | 9 | 87 |
| Pirates | 9 | 77 |
| Cult of Personality | 9 | 75 |
| Nice Ricks | 9 | 71 |
| Pig Jockeys | 9 | 70 |

**Most 180s**; S.Castle & M.Ballance both x2, 12 players x1.

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Madhouse Crew | 8 | 96 |
| HRT | 7 | 91 |
| Happy Days | 8 | 86 |
| Stumpy's Gang | 7 | 78 |
| Dizzy Tarts | 8 | 77 |
| No skill, just lucky | 8 | 59 |
| The Haymaker | 8 | 59 |
| Two minute crew | 8 | 53 |

**Most 180s**; A.Pidgeon, B.Allen, A.Sprake & K.Tovey all x1.

## snooker seaton & district

# Pike pots a 40

**Results** (Jan 31st); Sidmouth Cons 0+0 Honiton Wonderers 6+0, Honiton WMC 2+2 Colyton Feds 4+0, Chard Casuals 1+0 Colyton TC 5+0. **Breaks**: Ben Pike 40. Another fine away has seen reigning champions Honiton Wonderers extend their lead at the top of the table to a whopping 27 points.

Meanwhile, Colyton Feds lost two frames at Honiton Workies with only Stuart Orren winning two to continue his good form.

At Chard the Casuals suffered a hefty defeat at the hands of Colyton TC.

| League table | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Wonderers | 11 | 61 |
| Colyton TC | 10 | 34 |
| Colyton Feds | 10 | 30 |
| Chard Casuals | 10 | 27 |
| Colyton ExCons | 10 | 26 |
| Sidmouth Cons | 10 | 21 |
| Honiton WMC | 10 | 17 |

| Bruce Miller Cup | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Wonderers | 11 | 61 |
| Chard Casuals | 10 | 49 |
| Sidmouth Cons | 10 | 41 |
| Colyton TC | 10 | 40 |
| Colyton Feds | 10 | 38 |
| Honiton WMC | 10 | 29 |
| Colyton ExCons | 10 | 26 |

## darts colyton & district

RESULTS (1001/Pairs first):

**Back matches**: Kingfisher A 4(3) Kingfisher B 1(3); Kingfisher A 3(4) New Inn 2(2).

**Week 17**: Kings Arms 3(4) Vault B 2(2); Golden Hind 2(3) Kingfisher A 3(3); Kingfisher B 4(5) New Inn 1(1); Vault A 0(0) Halesy's Bar A 5(6); Royal Clarence A 2(1) Dolphin A 3(5).

**Highest Finishes**: 127 & 120 Pete Letten (Vault B).

**Mick Vincent Cup** (6 Singles)

Prelim: Vault A 4 Kingfisher B 2.

Quarter Finals: Halesy's Bar B 4 Vault B 0; Dolphin B 4 Dolphin A 1; Halesy's Bar 4 Kings Arms 1; Golden Hind 4 Vault A 2.

Semi Finals: Halesy's Bar B 4 Dolphin B 1; Halesy's Bar A 4 Golden Hind 1.

Final: Halesy's Bar A 4 Halesy's Bar B 2.

| 1001 pairs Tucker Cup | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Halesy's Bar A | 14 | 60 |
| Halesy's Bar B | 13 | 51 |
| Vault A | 15 | 45 |
| Kings Arms | 14 | 45 |
| Dolphin A | 14 | 39 |
| Golden Hind | 14 | 37 |
| Kingfisher A | 15 | 37 |
| Kingfisher B | 13 | 30 |
| Vault B | 14 | 30 |
| Dolphin B | 14 | 20 |
| Clarence A | 14 | 17 |
| New Inn | 14 | 9 |

| Singles - Maundrill Cup | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Halesy's Bar A | 14 | 67 |
| Kings Arms | 14 | 55 |
| Halesy's Bar B | 13 | 53 |
| Kingfisher A | 15 | 52 |
| Vault A | 15 | 51 |
| Dolphin A | 14 | 48 |
| Vault B | 14 | 43 |
| Golden Hind | 14 | 38 |
| Kingfisher B | 13 | 34 |
| Dolphin B | 14 | 26 |
| Clarence A | 13 | 16 |
| New Inn | 13 | 15 |

## angling ilminster aa

# League reaches climax

SOME good weights were recorded by the 16 anglers in the Ilminster AA Open held at Dillington Pond on Sunday.

Justin Charles had the best weight with 12lb 8oz of bream and skimmers on the pole and the feeder from peg 7, just behind was Jamie Rich with 12lb 6oz of roach and a bonus chub on the pole and caster from peg 13. In third was Terry Morgan with loads of small fish on the whip and maggot for 8lb 9oz from peg 17 and Rob Cox was fourth with 7lb 14oz from peg 19.

The final match of the Royal Oak League is on Sunday. The draw is at Upper Coxes between 8.30 and 9am.Sections; A - Andy Welch – 7lb 12oz, B - Adie Bishop (Taunton) – 6lb 3oz.

## scrum down chard rugby news

# Vets roll back the years

TORRENTIAL rain on Thursday and Friday turned the main Chard pitch into a paddy field.

Subequently the floodlight 2nd xv match league match against North Petherton on Friday evening and the rearranged 1st XV league match against leaders Weston scheduled for Saturday afternoon were both postponed.

Next Saturday the 1st xv are away at Drybrook in South West One, the 2nd xv are away at Minehead in Somerset Two South while the 3rd xv welcome North Petherton in the Somerset Three South. all games 2 30pm ko.

A third match had been scheduled for Saturday morning on the main pitch when current Chairman Gavin Smillie and former chairman Mick Duffy had arranged a vets game to celebrate their 40th and 60th birthdays respectively.

■ MATCH ACTION: The Duffy and Smillie XV's battled out an enthralling 43-43 draw in the 'Birthday Friendly'. *Photo by KEITH RENDELL*

**Smillie XV 43 Duffy XV 43**

WITH the 3rds game off it gave all the veterans a chance to play in the Duffy & Smillie Birthday game *writes Gavin Smillie.*

The teams were split based on month they were born and it seemed on paper that all the good players were born in the later half of the year leaving Smillie with a rag tag team of geriatrics but a few were to prove they still had a spring in their step.

The toss was won by Mick Duffy and he opted for his team to play up the hill during the first half. Timmy Glenn kicked off and the ball was gathered by Gavin Watts who went on the attack up the right wing, he would of been clean through if it wasn't for a pin point try saving tackle by Gavin Smillie.

Smillie's XV took control and with a good combination of forward and back play they were soon probing the Duffy 22 and with some fine hands the ball was sent along the line for Ian Hilton-Barrett to go over the line for the first score of the day.

The restart was gathered by Tom Stenhouse who kicked into space and Lee Singleton got to the ball setting up for another attack but some dogged defence from Tiny Baker and Rob Howard turned the ball over and allowed Geoff Colenso to make inroads towards the opposition half.

Play continued to be tight with neither team giving up possession easily, but a foot in touch allowed Jason Hole to throw a long ball to Paul Wright who marched down the pitch before popping the ball out to Nathan Clapp who went over for the try.

Kev George restarted and his teammates chased ball with renewed urgency and piled the pressure on the defending team, Mike Berry released the ball to Chris Bond who belly flopped over the line to score.

The second half continued with the Duffy XV retaining the early ball and using it well to move into an attacking position leading to a move, that ended with 60-year-old Duffy crossing the line for a score.

With the scores now even the restart kick was gathered by Smillie who handed off two defenders with ease but was no match for Warren Lewis who nailed him to the ground while shouting 'Happy Birthday!

The ball was then gathered by Mike Farthing who lead the attack with Tom Hopkins and Gorby Hartly in close pursuit.

A high tackle lead to a penalty and was taken quickly by Ian Findlay allowing Keith Milton to crash over the line.

The game continued tit for tat with a penalty scored by Timmy Glenn and further tries from Luke Chant, Mark Armstrong Stuart Sugar and Steve Larcombe kept the game level.

Even with the introduction of Blok Siljeur and Benn Mainwaring to the Duffy XV the deadlock couldn't be shifted and the teams took it in turns to score with more points from Graham Glenn, Snapper, Mark Cornelius and Mike Summers among others.

With the clock out of time the ref awarded a penalty to the Duffy XV in front of the posts to tie the game and the kick was skilfully drilled over to make the final score 43-43.

The next scheduled veterans game is at Easter against Crewerne.

**Chard Colts 55 Wellington 22**

THIS was an excellent game with both sides contributing to a fine match

Joe Mainwaring (2), Dean Richards (2), Alex Hill, and Emil Szydelko, Ross Colenso, Jacob Mee and Adam Moore all scored tries for Chard.

## jack high bowls news and round-up

# Anderson in over 60s area final

**HONITON** *with Julie Grant*

HONITON won at home and away in last week's mixed friendlies.

Visitors NEWTON ABBOT were defeated 100-58, top rink; June Lee, Bob Mackintosh, Leigh Batten & Maureen Parsons 35-5.

At TAUNTON DEANE, Honiton won 78-70, best winners were Myra Singleton, Richard Chapple, Ken Clarke & Bill Nicholls 26-19.

Honiton won 102-61 against TAUNTON VIVARY, top rink Thelma Flynn, Di Hawkins, Leigh Batten & Andrew Lowe 36-7.

In the friendlies against MADEIRA the men lost 38-60 with Alan Fuller, Jimmy Smith and Gerry Stafrace drawing 18-18.

The Ladies won 56-47, top rink Yvonne Williams, Joan Mackintosh, Margaret Bright & Janice Sharman 20-12.

In the Ladies County Lane triples league Honiton drew 66-66 against TORBAY where Jean Mitchell, Daphne Courtney & Ruby Veitch won 25-13.

A narrow 81-80 victory was recorded by the men in their ICL contest with KINGSLEY, highest winning rink was; Alan Fuller, Tony Williams, Eddie Sharman & Malcolm Seaborne.

**Julie Grant** played in the England Champion of Champions last weekend but found the bowls very tough losing 21-**19-2, while** Greg Harlow lost 21-13.

**ILMINSTER** *with Des Maull*

**WILL Anderson** is through to the Inter Area final of the National over 60s single competition after a comprehensive 21-12 win over Moonfleeet's K Wyman in the weekend's regional finals held at Yeovil.

An Ilminster rink of Paul Denslow, Roland Garland, Bev Brister & Will Anderson were also playing in the regional finals but were unlucky to lose 21-20 against MOONFLEET.

On Thursday the Ladies drew 46-46 against NORTH PETHERTON in the Somerset League. Details: Home, Marilyn Anderson, Eileen Becky, Ann Truscott & June Checketts 17-28; Away, Norma Pugh, Margaret Evans, Monica Woodland & Dot Whelan 29-18.

On Friday a mixed team also drew 44-44 at TAUNTON DEANE in the Somerset & Devon Mixed League. Details: Peter Bloomfield, Peter Patmore, John Mitchell & Maureen Mitchell 21-20; Norma Pugh, Ken Parker, Dave Pugh & John Osborne 23-24.

On Sunday, Ilminster entertained CHARDSTOCK in a three-rink friendly and won on all rinks. Details: Brian Welch, June Gratrix, Norma Pugh & Roger Lench 23 S Hatcliffe 19; Derek Carter, Leo Bonning, Colin Osborne & Maureen Mitchell 19 M Toms 15; Val Dargue, Arthur Callaghan, Dave Cox & Roy Orme 33 J Rolph 9.

**AXMINSTER** *with David Harris*

THE Ladies enjoyed an excellent 69-621 win in their County Lanes'League match against MID DEVON. Both away rinks won; Philippa White, Sue Bond & Alison Glyde (21-14) and Barbara Mowatt, Gill Campbell & Judith Moffitt (18-14) whilst the home rink of Brenda Edwards, Ann Burn & Margaret Crompton tied 13-13.

In two very close mixed friendlies Axminster lost by three shots at home to MADEIRA (55-58) with a winning rink of Mick Hennegan, Malcolm Denslow, Ann Clayton & Roger Legg (25-12).

This was followed by an exciting 59-57 victory at home to SEVERALLs with wins for Alan Nabbaro, Margaret Brown, David Harris & Alfie Day (26-18) and Morrison Brown, John Hill, Ann Clayton & Margaret Crompton (19-18).

Unfortunately, SIDMOUTH were unable to raise a side for the scheduled fixture at the weekend.

## crib round-up

**HONITON**

**RESULTS** (*Jan 30th*); Honiton Inn B 6 Honiton Inn A 2.

*Feb 2nd*; Blacksmith Arms 1 New Fountain 7, Feniton Soc A 4 Workingmens B 4, Honiton Inn A 4 Vine Inn A 4, Vine Inn B 6 Honiton Inn B 2, Workingmens A 5 Feniton Soc B 3.

**Fixtures** (*Feb 9th*); Feniton Soc B v Thirsty Farmer, Honiton Inn B v Workingmens A, New Fountain v Feniton Soc A, Vine Inn A v Vine Inn B, Workingmens B v Honiton Inn A.

**Captain's Cup**; H.Hawkins 0 R.Freemantle 1, J.Bath 1 J.Davis 0, L.White 0 M.Pendrick 1, M.Dent 1 A.Hawkins 0, S.Pettitt 0 L.Hawkins 1.

CAPTAINS: **Committee meeting** Monday, February 13th 8pm.

| Table | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Blacksmiths Arms | 20 | 92 |
| Vine Inn B | 19 | 89 |
| New Fountain | 19 | 86 |
| Vine Inn A | 19 | 82 |
| Workingmens B | 19 | 76 |
| Workingmens A | 19 | 75 |
| Thirsty Farmer | 19 | 73 |
| Feniton Social B | 19 | 71 |
| Honiton Inn B | 19 | 67 |
| Feniton Social A | 19 | 67 |
| Honiton Inn A | 19 | 62 |

| Captain's Cup | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Lionel Hawkins | 19 | 16 |
| Julie Davis | 19 | 11 |
| Julie Bath | 19 | 11 |
| Rita Freemantle | 19 | 11 |
| Maureen Pendrick | 19 | 10 |
| Brenda Flood | 19 | 10 |
| Lorraine White | 19 | 9 |
| Hedley Hawkins | 19 | 8 |
| Mike Dent | 19 | 8 |
| Audrey Hawkins | 19 | 6 |
| Steve Pettitt | 20 | 5 |

**LYME REGIS**

RESULTS (Jan 30th); New Inn Kilm A 3 Nags Head 2, Charlie's Angels 3 Stepps 2, Dolphin 3 Ship Inn LR 0, Talbot Arms 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Lamb Swans 3 Ax Con Club 2.

**Beer League**;New Inn Kilm A 2 Nags Head 1, Charlie's Angels 2 Stepps 1, Dolphin 1 Ship Inn LR 4, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Lamb Swans 2 Ax Con Club 1.

**Fixtures** (Monday, Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels v Talbot Arms, Stepps v Gerrard Arms, Dolphin v Lamb Swans, Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm, Nags Head v Ax Con Club,

| Table - Week 18 | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Nags Head, LR | 16 | 49 |
| Gerrard Arms | 17 | 49 |
| Ship Inn, LR | 17 | 45 |
| New Inn Kilm A | 17 | 45 |
| Ax Con Club | 16 | 41 |
| Dolphin, Beer | 16 | 40 |
| Lamb Swans | 17 | 40 |
| Charlie's Angels | 16 | 39 |
| Talbot Arms | 16 | 38 |
| Stepps | 16 | 38 |
| New Inn Kilm B | 16 | 26 |

| Beer League | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Nags Head, LR | 16 | 30 |
| Stepps | 16 | 28 |
| Lamb Swans | 17 | 27 |
| Charlie's Angels | 16 | 26 |
| New Inn Kilm B | 16 | 26 |
| Ax Con Club | 17 | 24 |
| Gerrard Arms | 16 | 23 |
| Dolphin, Beer | 16 | 21 |
| New Inn Kilm A | 17 | 21 |
| Ship Inn, LR | 17 | 21 |
| Talbot Arms | 16 | 21 |

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# County FA Award for Albion's Adkin

BEER Albion Football Club's Groundsman Peter Adkin has received the prestigious Groundsman of the Year award from the Devon County Football Association *writes Richard Honnor*.

Peter has been maintaining Beer's football ground for over 20 years and the quality of the playing surface at The Furzebrake is testament to his dedication and skill, all provided on a voluntary basis.

It was no coincidence that last Saturday, Beer was one of the few grounds in the whole of Devon County where the pitch was playable after a week of heavy rain.

Invariably during heavier winters than this, Peter has managed to get the game on when most of the County programme is washed out.

The occasion of his award was marked with a presentation by Bernard Leach, Chairman of Devon County FA prior to last Saturday's home game with Elmore.

The award ceremony was also attended attended by Paul Morrison, Devon County FA Chief Executive, and Roland Brown, Vice-Chairman of Devon and Exeter Football League.

■ **WELL DESERVED: Peter Adkin receives his award from Devon County FA Chairman Bernard Leach watched by the Beer players, line-up from left; Jack White, Jack Prior, Mark Rooke, Pedro Fontes, Chris Long, Josh Moughton, Peter Adkin (Groundsman), Bernard Leach (Chairman Devon County FA), George Harwood, Andrew Foster, Sam Phillips, Ollie Paget, Joe Adkin, Jacob Clode, Ed Karajev, Simon Smith (kneeling).**

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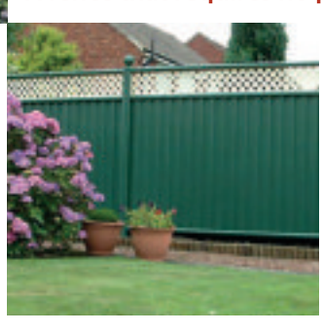

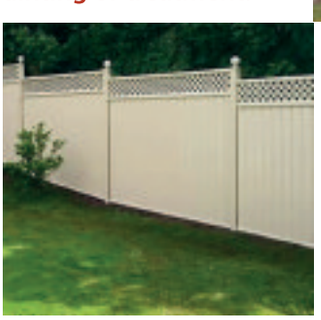

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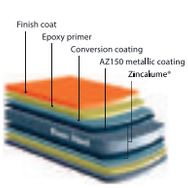


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